

But Nathaniel Chapman, the father, has remained a mystery beyond the facts of his family in Leominster, a service in the Continental Army, and a later family by a second marriage in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Efforts to identify him have usually ended with the unsupported statement, now known to be an error, in the *Daughters of the American Revolution, Lineage Book* (Washington), Vol. LX (1922), p.159, and in the *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution buried in the State of Ohio* (Columbus, 1929), p.74, that Nathaniel Chapman was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1740.

It has remained for Miss Florence E. Wheeler, librarian of Leominster, to complete the difficult detective work which ties Nathaniel Chapman and his son, "Johnny Appleseed", to the descendants of Edward Chapman of Ipswich, for many years one of the better known families that weigh down the shelves of recorded New England genealogy. Miss Wheeler's findings constitute a major contribution to current "Johnny Appleseed" research.

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Chapman Genealogy

The evidence collected in the following pages points directly to the conclusion that John Chapman, who became the "Johnny Appleseed" of middle western frontier history and folklore, was a direct descendant of Edward Chapman, a grantee of the town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, in the year 1642. The exact date of Edward's settlement in Ipswich is uncertain, as it is given as 1642, 1643, and 1644 by different authorities. He is said to have been an immigrant from Yorkshire, England, who reached Boston about 1639. After settling in Ipswich he became a prosperous miller and farmer. Although his descendants are numerous this record notes only the direct line of descent from Edward⁽¹⁾ of Ipswich to "Johnny Appleseed", as follows:

1. EDWARD⁽¹⁾ CHAPMAN,² born ———, was in Ipswich, Massachusetts,² in 1642 and died there April 18, 1678. He married first, MARY, daughter of Mark Symonds.

¹ James Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England* (Boston, 1890-1892); Ipswich, Mass., *Vital Records . . . to . . . 1840* (Salem, Mass., 1910), II, 510.

² All places hereafter mentioned are in Massachusetts.

JOHN CHAPMAN'S LINE OF DESCENT FROM EDWARD CHAPMAN OF IPSWICH*

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Who Was Johnny Appleseed?—Introduction

Even before the death of John Chapman in 1845, the "Johnny Appleseed" story growing out of the man's colorful life had begun to break away from the roots of fact and to flower purely as a popular myth. In the years since, the apocryphal addenda, aided and abetted by much fiction, poetry, and uncritical biography have become a major item in American folklore. There is little wonder that many persons have doubted that the man ever existed at all.

But "Johnny Appleseed" was not only an actual fact but an important one. During the past few years, carefully accumulated evidence, still largely unpublished, tends to prove that although the real John Chapman was very unlike the creature of the legends and pseudo-biographies, he was quite unusual enough, quite adventurous and significant enough a part of the Middle Western frontier to warrant not only the stories that monumentalize him but a place in documented history as well.

One of the particularly difficult problems in "Appleseed" research has been the matter of his paternal origin. More or less seriously recorded statements have fixed John Chapman's birthplace variously in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio; they have given him a parentage ranging all the way from a Calvinistic divine to a half-breed redskin. For half a dozen years now, however, it has been definitely known that John Chapman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts. From the records there, his mother's lineage can be traced with comparative ease through the vital statistics of various towns to an established place in an old and occasionally distinguished New England family.

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The following, taken from the Topsfield church records¹⁰ of baptisms, may also belong to this family:

John Chapman, his REBECCA bp. July 17, 1730.

John Chapman, his MARY bp. March, 1732/3.

A later record definitely places the family in Topsfield.

4. JOHN⁽⁴⁾ CHAPMAN [John,⁽³⁾ John,⁽²⁾ Edward⁽¹⁾], (called JR. on some records) was baptized, we note from the records, in Ipswich, on December 2, 1714; d. December 7, 1760, in Tewksbury. He had a brother Davis on whom we later depend for family identification. John's marriage is recorded in Ipswich, *Vital Records*, p. 93, as follows:

Chapman, John Jr., of Topsfield and wid. MARTHA BODMAN, at Topsfield, March 1, 1738/9.

The Topsfield, *Vital Records*, p. 129 add variety thus: Chapman, John Jr., and MARTHA BORMAN of Ipswich, March 1, 1738/9.

The Boardman name is variously spelled, as: Bodman, Bofman, Bordman, Borland, and Boardman. The widow MARTHA (PERLEY) BOARDMAN was the daughter of John and Jean Perley. She was born August 24, 1704, married, first, NATHANIEL BOARDMAN of Topsfield, April 1, 1736, was widowed on August 26, 1736, and married, second, JOHN⁽⁴⁾ CHAPMAN on March 1, 1738/9. She died of consumption, according to the Tewksbury Congregational Church Record, on February 22, 1753, aged 48y., 5m., 18d. The gravestone, however, records the year of death as 1752.¹¹

Note that from Martha (Perley) Chapman the surname Perley was introduced as a forename and it, too, was carried down through later generations. From the Perley family¹² Martha's line is traced as: Allan,⁽¹⁾ Samuel,⁽²⁾ John,⁽³⁾ Martha.⁽⁴⁾

Two deeds in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds,¹³ dated

¹⁰ John H. Gould, ed., "Early Records of the Church in Topsfield," Essex Institute, *Historical Collections* (Salem, Mass.), XXIV (1888), 202-3.

¹¹ *Tewksbury, Vital Records*, 198.

¹² M. V. B. Perley, *History and Genealogy of the Perley Family* (Salem, Mass., 1906), 27-8.

¹³ Folio 42, p. 438-9.

She died June 10, 1658. He married, second, DOROTHY, daughter of Richard Swan, and widow of Thomas Abbot. She, as Edward's widow, married on November 13, 1678, for her third husband, Archelaus Woodman, of Newbury.

Children of Edward⁽¹⁾ and Mary (Symonds):

- i. SIMON,⁽²⁾ b. 1643; m. MARY BREWER.
- ii. MARY, b. 1648; m. JOHN BARRY.
- iii. NATHANIEL, b. ———; m. MARY WILBOR.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 1654; m. 1st RUTH INGALLS; 2nd PHOEBE BALCH.
- v. JOHN, b. ———; m. REBECCA SMITH.

2. JOHN⁽²⁾ CHAPMAN [Edward⁽¹⁾], born ———, married REBECCA SMITH, September 30, 1675.⁴ He died November 19, 1677.⁴ She married, second, FRANCIS YOUNG of Ipswich.⁵

Child:

3. i. JOHN,⁽³⁾ b. July 7, 1676.⁶

3. JOHN⁽³⁾ CHAPMAN [John,⁽²⁾ Edward⁽¹⁾], (called SENIOR), born at Ipswich July 7, 1676; died in Tewksbury, October 7, 1739, aged 63y. 3m.⁷ He married ELIZABETH DAVIS, October 28, 1702.⁸ Note that here we find the surname Davis which was later introduced as a forename and carried down from generation to generation. Elizabeth (Davis), wife of John Chapman, died in Tewksbury, September 26, 1736, aged 55y. 3m. 6d.⁹ An error in the printed *Vital Records* of Ipswich is corrected in the following list, which was copied from the original record of births and baptisms:

Children:

- i. MARTHA,⁽⁴⁾ b. February 10, 1703, dau. John and Elizabeth.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. October 19, 1704, dau. John and Elizabeth.
- iii. REBECCA, bp. May 10, 1713, dau. John and Elizabeth.
- iv. JOHN, bp. 2: 12m.: 1714, son of John.
- v. DAVIS, bp. 20: 11m.: 1716, son of John and Elizabeth.

⁴ Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary*; Ipswich, *Vital Records*, II, 98.

⁵ Essex County, Mass., Probate Files, Docket 5,087.

⁶ Ipswich, *Vital Records*, II, 94.

⁷ *Ibid.*, I, 88.

⁸ Tewksbury, Mass., *Vital Records . . . to . . . 1849* (Salem, Mass., 1912), 198.

⁹ Ipswich, *Vital Records*, II, 98.

¹⁰ Tewksbury, *Vital Records*, 198.

Returning now to the death of JOHN⁽⁴⁾ CHAPMAN we note that although the Tewksbury church records¹⁹ indicate his death from smallpox on January 23, 1761, at the age of 46 years, 18 days, his former church in Topsfield also records his death as:

CHAPMAN, JOHN, died of ye Small Pox Dec. 7, 1760.²⁰

As it seems unlikely that his death would have been recorded while he was still living, the writer has accepted this Topsfield earlier date believing that the Tewksbury later date was a delayed entry. The baptismal record also influences this choice.

In the Middlesex Probate Court records there is a glimpse of the intimate affairs of this family in the following inventory of JOHN CHAPMAN's estate, the final accounting made by his widow, MARTHA (HUNT) CHAPMAN, and her bond. It is of interest to note specific mention of the widow's children in the second document.

INVENTORY: JOHN CHAPMAN ESTATE²¹

Inventory of the estate of MR. JOHN CHAPMAN. Late of Tewksbury husbandman, deceased. As it was appraised by us the subscribers we being appointed & sworn for that purpose viz.

To about 3 acres meadow land lying in said Tewksbury and a quarter part of a Fish place with a privilege of passing & repassing all appraised . . . £ 12- 0- 0

Personal Estate as Follows

To Books

"Wareing Apparrill

£ 1- 0- 0

Beds, Bedding & Linen & mill'd cloth

3-16- 3

Pewter Brass & Iron wairs

10- 4- 2

Desk Chests & Draws & other wooden ware

5- 9- 8

Yarn wool & Flax, & Leather

3- 6- 8

Corn & Grane

2-18- 0

Salted meat & Fat

10-10- 7

Cider & Caskes

2-13- 4

Other Utensils of House hold Ware

6-18- 6

Husbandry Tools & Iron

0-12- 8

Bridles & Saddles 45s/4d Pilyon 8/

3-16- 4

Hay

2-13- 4

Cash

0- 8- 0

To a debt by Note from Mr. Jedde Ingals dated July 18, 1758 with Intrist fr the date of Sd Note

6- 2- 0 1/2

2- 4- 0

¹⁹ Ibid., 198.

²⁰ Topsfield, Mass., Vital Records . . . to . . . 1849 (Salem, Mass., 1908), 210.

²¹ Middlesex, Mass., Probate Files, Lib. 36, p. 276.

December 24, 1741, prove that John Chapman, Jr., and Davis Chapman, both of Topsfield, purchased extensive farm property in Tewksbury "on the road from Billerica to Borland's Farm." The fact that both items were transferred to some one else on the date of purchase is of no interest to us, but it is of interest to follow the trail that leads from Topsfield to Tewksbury. There we find the two families established according to the vital statistics, from which we gather the following data:

Children of John⁽⁴⁾ and Martha (Perley):¹⁴

- i. PERLEY,⁽⁴⁾ b. October 30, 1739; d. 1758.
 - ii. ELIZABETH, b. November 19, 1741.
 - iii. MARTHA, b. August 30, 1743 (probably died young).
 - iv. NATHANIEL, b. September 13, 1746.
- Baptized nearly 4 years later, the Congregational Church record reads: Nathaniel, son of John bp. August 26, 1750.

JOHN⁽⁴⁾ CHAPMAN married, second, MRS. MARTHA HUNT on July 5, 1756.¹⁵ Her death from dropsy is recorded in the Church Record as of April 27, 1786.¹⁶ Her gravestone states "in her 64th year." Therefore she was born about 1722. In the *Hunt Genealogy*¹⁷ there is record of Martha,⁽⁸⁾ daughter of Samuel⁽²⁾ of Tewksbury, Samuel⁽¹⁾ of Ipswich, born October 15, 1722. She married a Chapman, concerning whom there is no further information. She may or may not be the Mrs. Martha Hunt who married John Chapman, Jr., as his second wife. The age coincides. As she would have been considered an elderly spinster at the age of thirty-four, it is possible that the "Mrs." in her marriage record was merely a title of courtesy.

Children of John⁽⁴⁾ and Martha (Hunt):¹⁸

- v. PATTY,⁽⁴⁾ b. February 7, 1757.
- vi. MARY, b. April 7, 1759.

¹⁴ Tewksbury, Vital Records, 18, 110, 198-9.

¹⁵ Ibid., 110.

¹⁶ Ibid., 198.

¹⁷ T. B. Wyman, Jr., *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* (Boston, 1862/3), 76.

¹⁸ Tewksbury, Vital Records, 1.

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William Hunt	0-12- 2
Amos Stickney	1-10-10
John Hardy	1- 6- 0
Nathan Bayley	0- 9-10
Davis Chapman	3-12- 6
Solomon Pollard	0- 3- 6
John Flint, Const	0- 6- 2
Daniel Foss	0- 8- 0
Oliver Whitney	0- 4- 4
David Hunt	0- 3- 0
David Bayley	1- 4- 0
To the Adminisse for care of & bringing up two of the Deceased Children both under 7 years of age	24- 0- 0
To ditto for her trouble in administrn hitherto	2-10- 0
To providing for the support of the Family the first year	10- 0- 0
Examining & allowing this Acct. & ye Vouchers etc.	0- 6- 0
Recording & Copy	0- 5- 0

MIDDLESEX April 2d 1764 MRS. MARTHA CHAPMAN the Administrix exhibited the foregoing acct, I having examined the Same do allow thereof £ 74-11- 1½

S. DANFORTH J Pro C.

In abbreviated form Martha Chapman's bond reads as follows²²:

Know all men by these presents that we MARTHA CHAPMAN, Widow, DAVID BALEY, yeoman, & DAVIS CHAPMAN yeoman all of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex . . . are holden . . . in sum of 5 hundred pounds . . . Dated the twenty second Day of June . . . One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one . . .

The Condition of this present . . . obligation is such That if the above bounden Martha Chapman this day admitted administratrix of the Estate of her late husband John Chapman late of Tewksbury aforesaid Deceased Intestate . . . signed

In Precence of
ANDW BORDMAN
NATHAN BAYLEY

her
MARTHA X CHAPMAN
mark
DAVID BAYLEY
DAVIS CHAPMAN

ELIZABETH and NATHANIEL, children of JOHN⁽⁴⁾ CHAPMAN by the first wife, furnish the most important clue to the family line so far discovered. Their clue establishes the last link in the chain from EDWARD⁽¹⁾ CHAPMAN of Ipswich to "JOHNNY APPLESEED." After the death of their father, Elizabeth and Nathaniel applied

²² Ibid., Lib. 80, p. 452.

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For the sum of	
To a Debt Due by a Note fr Mrs. Eleanor Bootman	2-11
Dated June 7, 1758 With Intrist . . .	
To a Debt Due by a Note from Mr. Peter Hunt Juner	
Dated Feb 13, 1759 . . .	
4 Cows	5-1
1 pr oxen	15-
Young Cattle	8-
24 Sheep & 17 Lambs	10-
Horses	13-
3 Swine	6-1
Winter grane & tillage	1-
1-4 part of a Nett & other utensills for Fishing	1-
	0-10
	139-14-10

TEWKSBURY May 8, 1761

MIDDLESEX June 1 1761

June 22 1761

MARTHA CHAPMAN the administratrix exhibited the foregoing Inventory on oath.

Signed NATHAN BAYLEY } Committee
DAVID BAYLEY } for
DAVIS CHAPMAN } said work

S. DANFORTH J. PROBATE

JOHN CHAPMAN ESTATE FINAL ACCT.²²

The acct of MARTHA CHAPMAN on the estate of her late husband Mr John Chapman Late of Tewksbury in the Co . . . Deceased. Intestate The sd acct charges her self Dr to sd estate the whole of the personal estate as mentioned in the inventory thereof as exhibited in the Registry of Probate in & for the County aforsd on the 29th of June 1761 in the whole amounting (in lawful money) to the sum of £ 133- 1- 6

And she craves allowance for the several services by her done & the sums by her paid for sd estate in lawful money as follows (viz)

To a Journey to Cambridge with 2 Bondsmen to take Administration with Expense in said Journey	£ 0-17- 2
To cash paid in Probate Office	0- 9- 2
To travil after the Committee in notifying them Relating to the apprizel of Sd Estate	0- 2- 0
To Administrat-attending on Sd Com.	0- 3- 0
" Providing for Sd Com. while apprizing	0- 6- 0
" To Persons hereafter named VIZ:	
" paying Joseph Osgood, Physician	
" Nehemiah Abbot	1-10-10
Funeral Charge of Deceased	0-11-10
Green & Russell	1- 1- 5
Hannah Campbell	0-10- 8
James Campbell	4- 6- 8
Mary Bowers	6- 0- 0
Aaron Beard	0-18- 0
Abial Wineyfield	0-12- 0
Sami Abbot	4-15- 4
	5- 6- 8

²² Ibid., 198.

Leominster, the following document lends weight. In the Leominster Public Library there is preserved an undated copy of a military return made up chiefly of Leominster men under a Leominster captain. It is headed:

A Return of Capt David Wilder Company of Leominster in Coll. Asa
Whitcomb Reg't. Thare Name Age Stature Com-
plection What colour thair Hare and eyes What masters
and trade and when enlisted August ye _____

Unfortunately, only the columns for age and stature were used. Among the 68 names is that of NATHANIEL CHAPMAN whose age is given as 28 and his stature 5:9. By reckoning the given ages of other Leominster men from their birth records, the date of this document points to 1775. Nathaniel Chapman, born at Tewksbury September 13, 1746, would have been 28 years and about 10 months on "August ye" 1, 1775, a fact which seems to be good evidence that Nathaniel of Tewksbury and Nathaniel of Leominster were identical. (Later, a detailed account of his military service will be presented.)

Nathaniel⁽⁸⁾ Chapman married first in Leominster. There, in the church record is the marriage intention of Nathaniel Chapman and ELISABETH SIMONS, both of Leominster, August 9, 1769. The marriage was recorded as of February 8, 1770.²⁶ She died July 18, 1776.²⁷ Elizabeth was daughter of James and Anna (Lawrence) Simons, a name also spelled Simonds or Symonds. The family line of Elizabeth Simons, mother of "Johnny Appleseed" is summarized in a note at the end of the present Nathaniel Chapman genealogy.

Children of Nathaniel⁽⁸⁾ and Elizabeth (Simons):²⁸

- i. ELIZABETH,⁽⁶⁾ b. November 18, 1770.
6. ii. JOHN, b. September 26, 1774 ("JOHNNY APPLESEED").
- iii. NATHANIEL, b. June 26, 1776.

From the Leominster church record we glean the facts that NATHANIEL CHAPMAN and wife were taken

²⁶ Leominster, Mass., First Congregational Church, Records, 180.

²⁷ Leominster, Mass., Vital Records . . . to . . . 1840 (Worcester, 1911), 801.

²⁸ Ibid., 86-7.

to the Court to have their "Uncle Davis Chapman" appointed as their guardian. The records follow:²⁴

- 1 NATHANIEL CHAPMAN of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex & Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England Being Fourteen years of age Do Choose & Desire that my sd uncle Davis Chapman may be made Guardian For me according to Law as Witness my Hand TEWKSBURY June 18th 1761

NATHANIEL CHAPMAN

Witnesses BETTSEY BAILEY
NATHAN BAILEY

- I ELISABETH CHAPMAN of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Being nineteen years of age Do Chose and Desire that my sd uncle Davis Chapman may Be made Gardean for me according to law as Wittness my Hand

ELISABETH CHAPMAN

TEWKSBURY June ye 20th 1761

In abbreviated form Davis Chapman's bond is as follows:²⁵

- DAVIS CHAPMAN, yeoman and DAVID BAYLEY yeoman both of Tewksbury in the Co . . . are holden sum 500 pounds . . .
Davis Chapman be guardeen unto Elizabeth and Nathaniel Chapman . . . both minors upward of 14 years of age children of John Chapman late of Tewksbury . . . deceased . . .

DAVIS CHAPMAN
DAVID BAYLEY

June 22, 1761

With so many Johns and Nathaniels throughout the Chapman family, it was almost impossible to trace this line with any degree of certainty until these guardianship papers provided John with a brother Davis. The unusual name of Davis then identified the family to which brother John belonged and thus proved the line presented.

5. NATHANIEL⁽⁵⁾ CHAPMAN [*John*,⁽⁴⁾ *John*,⁽³⁾ *John*,⁽²⁾ *Edward*⁽¹⁾], born at Tewksbury, September 13, 1746; died February 18, 1807, Salem, Ohio. The guardianship papers close his record in Tewksbury. We next find him a few miles away in the town of Leominster. As evidence that Nathaniel of Tewksbury was also Nathaniel of

²⁴ These applications were not recorded. They are filed in Middlesex, Probate Court, with the recorded bond, all three as: Ser. 1, 4291. Nos. 1, 2, 3. Elizabeth's application is entirely in her own writing.

²⁵ Middlesex, Probate Files, Lib. 30, p. 400 (Ser. 1, 4291-1).

born in Leominster, died young; Pierly is obviously a misspelling of Perley, the maiden name of his mother, a name also given to his brother who died young; Patty is a pet name for Martha, his mother's name, and also that of his stepmother; Davis, the maiden name of his Ipswich grandmother, was also given to his uncle. These names quite definitely link the generations, and they add to the evidence previously presented.

After the death of his wife Elizabeth in 1776, Nathaniel Chapman seems to have continued in the service of the Continental Army. Both of the following military records undoubtedly apply to him:

CHAPMAN, NATHANIEL, Leominster. Private, Capt. John Joslin's co. of Minute-men, Col. John Whetcomb's regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Cambridge; service, 11 days; reported enlisted into the army; also, Capt. David Wilder's co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 26, 1775; service, 3 mos. 13 days; also, receipts for wages for Aug. and Sept., 1775, dated Prospect Hill; also, company return (probably Oct., 1775).²⁰

CHAPMAN, NATHANIEL. Captain of wheelwrights, Maj. Joseph Eayrs's co., Col. Flower's regt. of Artillery artificers; Continental Army pay accounts for service from March 19, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; also, Captain, Maj. Eyres's corps at Springfield; Continental Army pay accounts from Jan. 1, 1780, to Sept. 30, 1780.²¹

6. JOHN⁽⁶⁾ CHAPMAN [Nathaniel,⁽⁶⁾ John,⁽⁴⁾ John,⁽³⁾ John,⁽²⁾ Edward⁽¹⁾], (called "JOHNNY APPLESEED"), son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Simons) Chapman, was born at Leominster, according to records previously quoted, on September 26, 1774, and he died, unmarried, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 18, 1845.²²

The family line of Elizabeth (Simonds) Chapman is as follows:²³

- I. WILLIAM SIMONDS, SR., came in *Planter*, 1635, settled in Woburn about 1644. He married JUDITH (PHIPPEN) HAYWARD, widow of James Hayward, January 18,

²⁰ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* (Boston, 1896-1908), III, 838.

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² Fort Wayne, (Ind.) *Sentinel*, March 22, 1845.

²³ Samuel Sewall, *History of Woburn, Mass.* (Albany, N. Y., 1868); Woburn, Mass., *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages* (Woburn, 1890); Leominster *Vital Records*.

into full communion June 25, 1775;²⁴ and that Elizabeth, and John, children of Nathaniel Chapman and Elizabeth were baptized on the same day.²⁵

Nathaniel⁽⁶⁾ Chapman married, second, LUCY COOLEY of Longmeadow. The event is recorded in the local pastoral records as follows:

July 21, 1780, CAPT NATHANIEL CHAPMAN (Late of Leominster) & LUCY COOLEY of this place were joined in marriage.²⁶

Lucy Cooley was daughter of George and Mabel Cooley of Longmeadow. Her family, which was an extensive one, has been well recorded in the Longmeadow and other genealogical records.

Children of Nathaniel⁽⁶⁾ and Lucy (Cooley):

- iv. NATHANIEL,⁽⁶⁾ b. December 1781.
- v. ABNER, b. July 16, 1783.
- vi. PIERLY, b. March 6, 1785.
- vii. LUCY, b. July 21, 1787.
- viii. PATTY, b. February 26, 1790.
- ix. PERSIS, b. November 15, 1793.
- x. MARY, b. January 19, 1796.
- xi. JONATHAN COOLEY, b. February 2, 1798.
- xii. DAVIS, b. April 25, 1800.
- xiii. SALLY, b. April 23, 1803.

For this record, we are indebted to *Proceedings at the Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Longmeadow*, prepared by R. S. Storrs (Longmeadow, 1884).²⁷

According to the same reference Nathaniel removed with his family from Longmeadow to the western country in 1805. He died February 18, 1807, at Salem (Washington County), Ohio.

It is interesting to identify the family names that reappear among Nathaniel's children. Elizabeth was named for his wife, perhaps also for his sister, and grandmother (Davis); John, for his father; Nathaniel is repeated, a fact which proves that the infant Nathaniel,

²⁴ Leominster, Congregational Church, Records, 32.

²⁵ *Ibid.*

²⁶ The Rev. Doctor Williams' *Records of Baptisms, Admissions into and Dismissions from the Church . . . in the Town of Longmeadow*; also Springfield, Mass., *Marriage Records* (in City Hall) 174.

²⁷ "Genealogical Appendix," p. 20.

1643/4. He d. June 7, 1672. Judith d. January 3, 1689/90.

2. JAMES SIMONDS, their tenth child, b. November 1, 1658; d. September 15, 1717. He married SUSANNA, dau. of Samuel and Ruth Blodgett, December 29, 1685. She d. February 9, 1714/15.
3. JAMES SIMONDS, their eldest child, b. November 1, 1686; d. July 30, 1775. He married MARY, dau. of James and Mary Paine, June 17, 1714. She d. March 9, 1762. (Their daughter Ruth was mother of "Count Rumford.")
4. JAMES SIMONDS, their second child, b. March 10, 1717; d. ———. He married ANNA LAWRENCE, May 12, 1740, both of Woburn. Their death dates are unknown. They lived in Leominster, where nine children were born between 1740 and 1760. Anna, Jeames, John, Mary, Rebackah, Ruth, and Jacob were evidently recorded under phonetic spelling as their family name is given as Simons. Under Simonds, the family record continues, and there we find Zebede, and
5. ELIZABETH (also entered as ELISABETH), dau. James and Anna, b. February 2, 1748/9; d. July 18, 1776, place of burial unknown. She married NATHANIEL CHAPMAN, February 8, 1770, both of Leominster. She was the mother of "JOHNNY APPLESEED."

Chapman, John

See also Drake

MARY ELIZABETH ROEBUCK

Lizzie Roebuck (the trade name by which Mary Elizabeth Roebuck came to be known) was born on a farm near Mendon, Ohio, November 15, 1872. Her father, Milton Yocum, was a Civil War veteran and died when Lizzie was a girl of five. She received her early education in the public schools at Mendon and afterwards entered Lebanon College (Lebanon, Ohio) and took a business course.

She married Wesley Scoles Roebuck on April 7, 1892, and came with him to Fort Wayne in 1895. Here they established the Roebuck Gardens, the largest berry and vegetable gardens in this region. She has been secretary and sales manager of the Roebuck Gardens for more than fifty years. Her slogan has been *You raise the garden produce, and I'll sell it*. She was a founding member of the Vegetable Growers Association of America and the first woman to hold a life membership in this association. She was, so the trade informed her, the first woman to ship a carload of vegetables to Cleveland, Ohio, follow it up, and sell it.

In January, 1946, Wesley S. Roebuck, who had for years been working on the life of John Chapman, commonly known as Johnny Appleseed, asked her to compile the genealogy of the branch of the Chapman family to which his studies had definitely shown that Johnny Appleseed belonged. She at once took up this task, visiting many members of the family both in Indiana and Ohio and writing to those who were more distant. (One was in the Philippines.)

The following genealogy is the result of these contacts and the review of several hundred pages of written manuscripts. The sources of information are reliable, and separates the Johnny Appleseed Chapman family from all other Chapman families in America.

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This genealogy of the John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) family has been compiled from public records, in courthouses, affidavits and authentic letters from grandnieces, grand-nephews, great-grandnieces, and great-great-grandnephews of John Chapman; affidavits by Monroe Snyder and Rosaria B. (Cole) Murphy; and other reliable statements by members of the family. These affidavits and a number of written statements by members of the family follow the genealogy.

We do not know the given names of the parents nor grandparents of Andrew, John, Timothy, and Percis Chapman of Generation II. Here, it is plain, we are at the end of our genealogy of this line of Chapmans. The notarized statements point unmistakably to New Jersey as the birthplace of Andrew Chapman, John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed), Timothy Chapman, and Percis Chapman Broom Snow.

CORRECTIONS FOR PAGE TWO

3. ii. John

Johnny Appleseed died in Richard Worth's home, an Indian Cabin that stood by the spring on the Henry Cassel land. He died on the land on which he lived about March 15, 1845, and was buried in the small burying ground on the east side of the Saint Joseph River not far from the place where he died. Richard Worth assigned John Chapman (Johnny Appleseeds) funeral expenses over to Jesse Coles, March 17, 1845. See Estate papers of John Chapman.

Clerks office Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne.

A spruce was set several ago to mark the location of the burying ground. The tree is now 18 feet tall.

THE GENEALOGY OF THE CHAPMAN FAMILY, RELATIVES OF JOHN CHAPMAN, COMMONLY KNOWN AS JOHNNY APPLESEED.

The purpose of this genealogy is to show the line of the Chapman family to which Johnny Appleseed belonged chiefly in order (1) to show the reliability of the information concerning John Chapman's descent as given in the preceding biography of Johnny Appleseed and (2) to quiet the claims of relationship of other lines of Chapmans. It must be remembered that the same name in itself is not strong evidence either of relationship nor of identity and that there may be existing in a given community several unrelated people with the same surname and the same Christian name. This was true of John Chapman, both in Ohio and in Indiana. To cite one instance out of many, another John Chapman lived in Allen County, Indiana, about the same time as Johnny Appleseed did; but, as shown by his will on record at the Allen County Courthouse, he was illiterate and he had a wife and at least one child, both of which facts prove that he was not Johnny Appleseed.

This limited aim justifies the omission of much information which is usually included in a genealogy. Dates of birth, marriage, and death and details about the lives of the various members of the family could be found in most cases only by an amount of research which did not seem justified by the purpose; and these details have been left for others to discover. Family records and memories have been sufficient to establish the information which follows reliably enough for the purpose. A number of documents to authenticate many of the facts given below are appended.

GENERATION 1

About the middle of the eighteenth century, according to family tradition, three young brothers left Scotland in order to find a new home and more economic freedom in America. They landed in New Jersey. Two of these men married; the third remained single. After a time, they separated. One brother was no longer heard of, but the other two kept in touch with each other. One of these young men, whose first name we have not been able to discover, became the Founder of the Chapman family to which John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) belonged.

1. The Founder of the family had at least four children:

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| | | 2 | | CHAPMAN |
| XX | 2. | i. | Andrew | |
| | | | 2 | |
| | 3. | ii. | John | |
| | | | Born some time after 1784. Died March, 1845, in Allen County, Indiana, whither he had moved after living a number of years in various places in Ohio. His biography appears in preceding chapters of this book. | |
| | | | 2 | |
| | 4. | iii. | Timothy, Sr. | |
| | | | Born about 1790. | |
| | | | 1812, 1813, 1814, paid taxes on one horse and one head of cattle in Morgan Township, Knox County, Ohio. | |
| | | | 1816, 1817, paid taxes in Miller Township, same county. | |
| | | | No further record. | |
| | | | 2 | |
| XX | 5. | iv. | Percis. Born 1792. | |

SECOND GENERATION

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| | 2 | 1 |
| 2. | Andrew (Founder) | |
| | Born about 1784 in New Jersey. | |
| | Married first in New Jersey. His wife, name unknown, died about 1827. | |

Married second Almira (Rose) Bell, born August 28, 1814, at Palmyra, New York; moved with her parents to Cincinnati when three years old; moved, when sixteen, to Antwerp, Ohio, by ox team and wagon; married a Mr. Bell at Antwerp when young and separated from him. Married Andrew Chapman about 1835.

Children by first marriage:

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| | 3 |
| 6. | i. Mary. Died young. |
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| 7. | ii. Jane. Died young. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 8. iii. John. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 9. iv. Timothy, Jr. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 10. v. Andrew, Jr. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 11. vi. Aaron. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 12. vii. Miles Eben (Ebenezer). |

Children by second marriage:

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| | 3 |
| XX | 13. viii. Eliza. Born 1839. |
| | 3 |
| 14. | ix. Cordelia, Born in 1842. Died aged 18 months; buried in Antwerp Cemetery. |
| | 3 |
| 15. | x. Julia. Born in 1844. Died unmarried at the age of 22 years; buried in Antwerp, Ohio, cemetery. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 16. xi. Corintha. Born 1847. |
| | 3 |
| XX | 17. xii. Rose. Born 1849. |

After the death of his first wife, Andrew Chapman moved to Antwerp, Ohio, where he married Almira (Rose) Bell soon afterwards. He was a farmer, hunter, and fisherman. Nancy Platter Reasser, mother of Allie Reaser, who married Henry Chapman (38), said that he carried a gun so much that his

coat was worn through on the shoulder. He died in 1849 and was buried at Antwerp, Ohio, near the grave of Timothy Chapman, Jr. (9).

2 1
5. Percis (Founder).

Married first William Broom, either in New Jersey or in the Western Reserve, to which she moved when the other members of her family did. Married James Snow March 24, 1850, in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio.

Children by first marriage:

BROOM

3
18. i. Mary. Married John Harold.
No further record.

At the time of her brother John Chapman, Johnny Appleseed's, death, she lived in Jay County, Indiana. Upon the death of John Chapman, William Broom filed two claims for improvements on the property belonging to John Chapman, including timber hewed for a barn, a cabin, and fences. Percis waived her rights as executrix of her brother's estate in favor of her son-in-law, John Harold. William Broom died March 1, 1848, leaving no real estate. An inventory of his personal estate showed that their property consisted of two horses (\$63), a colt (\$25), a cow and calf (\$7.50), 7 hogs (\$10), a double trus and a single trus (\$2), and household furniture (\$10). Percis received \$165.93 from her brother John Chapman's estate after all claims against it were paid.

This information is filed in the Jay County Circuit Court, Box No. 4, Will Record.

THIRD GENERATION

3 2 1
8. John (Andrew, Founder)
Married, wife's name unknown.

CHAPMAN

Children:

4
19. i. Wilber.
4
20. ii. Charley.
No further record.

3 2 1
9. Timothy, Jr. (Andrew, Founder).
Born in Hancock County, Ohio, in 1817.
Married a Miss Johnson.

Children:

4
XX 21. i. Jack.
22. ii. Amanda. Married a Mr. Davis and moved away. She was a magazine writer. No further record.
23. iii. Carrie. Married William Castle and lived in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
4
24. iv. Wesley. Lived at Mount Pleasant, Michigan. He was a mechanic and was killed in a machine accident in 1903. Buried at Mt. Pleasant.

Timothy Chapman was a handyman and worked at many jobs. He moved to Allen County, Indiana, near the Ohio-Indiana State Line about 1840. His wife and one daughter rode on a canal boat; and John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) took turns with Timothy riding John Chapman's horse along the towpath. Timothy settled at a point called the Ox Bow, a bend in the Maumee River, and got a job with the Government taking care of Sailor's Lock in the Erie Canal near his home. Later, he was a section foreman on the Wabash Railroad, which was also near his home—about a half mile south of the old Erie Canal and a half mile west of the state line. His home was, for a time, headquarters for Johnny Appleseed; and he helped Johnny plant a nursery of apple trees beside the Maumee River. Timothy Chapman was the only relative present when John Chapman was buried by the spring near Richard Worth's home in the old burying ground on the Cassel Land. Timothy died May 30, 1886, and was buried in Antwerp, Ohio, Cemetery.

3 2 1
10. Andrew, Jr. (Andrew, Founder).
Born in 1819.
Married a Miss Wilcox.

Children:

25. i. Albert.
4
26. ii. Hanna.
4
27. iii. Anna.

Andrew, Jr. lived at DeWitt, Michigan, and was a farmer.
Died there in the 1890's.
No further record.

- 3 2 1
11 Aaron (Andrew, Founder)
Born in 1820.
Married a Miss Jones.

Children:

28. i. Hersha.
4
29. ii. Frank.
4
30. iii. John.
4
31. iv. Etta.
4
32. v. Orsa.

Aaron Chapman lived on a farm near Portland, Michigan, and was a big gardener. He died there in 1908 or 1910. No further record.

- 3 2 1
12. Miles Eben (Ebenezer) (Andrew, Founder).
Born August 8, 1821, near Oberlin, Ohio, on or near Rock River.
Married Mary White, of Wellington, Ohio. She died in 1903
and was buried at Hicksville, Ohio.

Children:

33. i. Anna. Born 1853. Taught school. Two weeks before she
was to be married, she caught cold and died at the age

of 22 years. She was buried in Hicksville, Ohio, cemetery.

- XX 34. ii. George W.
4
XX 35. iii. Eben Miles.
4
36. iv. William. Born in 1861. Died in 1898, at Antwerp, Ohio.
Buried in Hicksville, Ohio, cemetery.
4
XX 37. v. Andrew S.
4
XX 38. vi. Henry.
4
39. vii. Charles Darwin. Born in 1873, on a farm in DeKalb
County, Indiana, one mile north of the Allen County-
DeKalb County line and a mile and ninety rods west
of the Indiana-Ohio State line. He graduated from Tri-
State Normal in 1889 and took post graduate work in
other schools. He taught school until 1900. For twenty-
one years he was a structural engineer. After his retire-
ment, he lived in Tangerine, Fla.

All these children except George W. taught school.

After his mother's death, about 1827, Miles Eben was taken into the home of a Mr. Peck, a Presbyterian deacon, to be raised. When he was about eighteen years of age, he became a partner in Mr. Peck's grist mill, which he operated till 1858. He was educated in the Oberlin, Ohio, schools. In 1859, Miles Eben sold his interest in the grist mill and moved to Antwerp, Ohio. He taught school here and in Hicksville and Newville. Two or three years later, he moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, and taught in Coles Corners, Indiana. Altogether, he taught 27 years. His old pupils remember his fondness for lecturing on historical and other subjects of interest and for telling about his Uncle Johnny Appleseed.

After he quit teaching, he took up farming about five miles east of Spencer-ville, DeKalb County, Indiana. He bought a threshing machine and threshed for farmers. His son Eben Miles records that, on one occasion, Miles Eben,

Timothy, and he went to the place where John Chapman was buried and cut away the weeds with their jackknives. At another time, when Miles Eben was visiting Timothy (9), the two men went to Fort Wayne on a handcar. They walked to the site of Johnny Appleseed's grave, cut down poles with their axes, and built a three-pole fence around the grave.

Miles Eben Chapman died at Newville, Ohio, February 8, 1914, and was buried in the Hicksville, Ohio, Cemetery.

3 2 1
15. Eliza (Andrew, Founder)
Born in 1839.
Married John Oswald.

OSWALD

Children:

4
40. i. Crawford. Married and lived at Hicksville, Ohio.
4
41. ii. John.
4
42. iii. Harvey. Married.
4
43. iv. Floris.

No further record.

3 2 1
16. Corintha (Andrew, Founder)
Born in 1847.
Married John Drake.

DRAKE

Children:

4
44. i. Minnie.

1
45. ii. Leonidas. Married. Had a grocery at Clinton, Ind.
4
46. iii. Almira.
4
47. iv. Preston.

After the death of her husband, she moved to Clinton, Indiana.
No further record.

3 2 1
17. Rose (Andrew, Founder).
Born September 4, 1849, seven months after her father's death.
Married Jacob Thompson.

Children:

THOMPSON

4
XX 48. i. Ethel Daisy.
4
XX 49. ii. Edith Delma.

Rose Chapman Thompson lived and died at Antwerp, Ohio, and was buried in the New Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp.

FOURTH GENERATION

4 3 2 1
21. Jack (Timothy, Jr., Andrew, Founder).
Married a Miss Howel.

CHAPMAN

Children:

5
50. i. Archie.
5
51. ii. John. Married. Lived at Hartford City, Indiana, and died there.

Jack lived at Aldon or Bellaire, Michigan. Died in 1931 or 1932. No further record

4 3 2 1
34. George W. (Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born in 1856.
Married Ida Soles.

Children:

52. i. Fred.
5
53. ii. Anna.
5
54. iii. Clyde.
5
55. iv. Ella.
5
56. v. Hazel.

George W. lived and died in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was buried in White City Cemetery, Spencerville, Ind.

4 3 2 1

35. Eben Miles (Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).

Born March 20, 1858, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Married Irene Jane Markle (born May 9, 1868) married May 12, 1884. She was the daughter of Henry Markle and Kathern Ann Markle.

Children:

- XX 57. i. Lee Morris.
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XX 58. ii. Charles Emerson.
5
XX 59. iii. Harlon Jay.
5
XX 60. iv. Emilus Case.
5
XX 61. v. Mary Cathern.
5
62. vi. Maude May. Born October 6, 1896. Died March 21, 1918.
Buried at White City Cemetery, Spencerville, Ind.
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XX 63. vii. Myrtle Ann.
5
XX 64. viii. Mildred Ruth.

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XX 65. ix. William Willard.

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66. x. Gladys Irene. Born September 6, 1910. Married Joe Hall, son of Ward Hall, in 1933. Died April 5, 1935, and was buried in the Parker Cemetery, on the St. Joe Road, in Allen County, Indiana.

At the age of one year, Eben Miles moved with his family from Cleveland, to Antwerp, Ohio, and two years later, to DeKalb County, Indiana. He taught school for three terms and then went into the carpenter and contracting business, which he continued for fifty-three years. Five of his sons and two grandsons were also carpenters. He died April 13, 1936, and was buried in the White City Cemetery, in DeKalb County, Indiana.

4 3 2 1

37. Andrew S. (Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).

Born in 1865.

Married Inez Akins.

Children:

67. i. Infant daughter, name not discovered, buried at Newville, Ohio, Cemetery.
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68. ii. Infant daughter, name not discovered, buried at Newville, Ohio, Cemetery.
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69. iii. Lotus. Thrown from horse and broke her neck aged 11. Buried at Newville, Ohio, Cemetery.
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70. iv. Harold. Died when 6 years old. Buried at Newville, Ohio, Cemetery.
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71. v. Max. Operated a filling station.
The order of birth given above is uncertain.
No further record.

Andrew S. studied shorthand at Indianapolis. He taught in a college in Norfolk, Virginia, and at Lincoln, Nebraska. He died in 1928, and was buried in the Newville, Ohio, Cemetery.

- 1 3 2 1
38. Henry (Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born March 17, 1868.
Married Allie Reasser September 19, 1884, daughter of Daniel Reasser and Nancy Reasser.

Children:

- 5
XX 72. i. King W.
5
XX 73. ii. Owen.
5
XX 74. iii. Juanita.

Henry Chapman was for 17 years a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company. Then for 25 years, he was postmaster at Woodburn, Indiana. Then he retired to his farm two miles northeast of Woodburn, where he farmed and raised fruit.

- 4 3 2 1
48. Ethel Daisy (Rose, Andrew, Founder)
Born December 7, 1873.
Married Verrell John Humphrey.

HUMPHREY

Child:

- 5
XX 75. i. Edith Marie.

- 1 3 2 1
49. Edith Delma (Rose, Andrew, Founder).
Born September 5, 1876.
Married Oriel Humphrey, an engineer on the B&O Railroad.

Child:

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76. i. Ezma.

FIFTH GENERATION

- 5 1 3 2 1
57. Lee Morris (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born January 26, 1885.
Married Violet Kinsey, daughter of Gust Kinsey.

Children:

CHAPMAN

- 6
77. i. Willard.
6
XX 78. ii. Lee, Jr.
6
XX 79. iii. Lucille.
6
80. iv. William.
6
81. v. Doris Gene.
6
82. vi. Cleo.
6
83. vii. Carol.
6
84. viii. Robert.

Lee Morris Chapman is a carpenter and has also worked in a meat market.

- 5 1 3 2 1
58. Charles Emerson (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born November 13, 1886.
Married Frances Butler, daughter of David Butler.

Children:

- 6
85. i. Virginia.
6
XX 86. ii. Charles Richard.
6
XX 87. iii. Isabelle.
6
88. iv. Josephine. Married Robert Crowl. No further record.
6
89. v. Rachel.
6
90. vi. David.

Charles Emerson Chapman is a carpenter.

- 5 4 3 2 1
59. Harlon Jay (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born February 22, 1889.
Married Jane Notestine, daughter of John Notestine.

Children:

- XX 91. i. Harold. *Married Alice*
6
92. ii. Howard. Married Pauline Wolfe. *Married in the Army 6 yrs*
6
93. iii. Joe. Was a yeoman in the Navy in World War II. *Married*
6
94. iv. Mary Ethel. *Married*

- 5 4 3 2 1
60. Emilus Case (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born October 22, 1891.
Married Freda Page, daughter of James Page.

Children:

- 6
95. i. Elsie. Married Howard Watts.

Emilus Case Chapman was a brakeman on the B. & O. Railroad for 17 years. He was scalded to death in a wreck at Blue Island, Illinois, October 18, 1933. He was buried at Garrett, Indiana.

- 5 4 3 2 1
61. Mary Cathern. (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born May 29, 1894.
Married Warren Lepper.

LEPPER

Children:

- XX 96. i. James.

- 6
97. ii. Florence. Married Orlando Rogers.
6
98. iii. Robert.

- 5 4 3 2 1
63. Myrtle Ann (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born March 4, 1899.
Married Thomas Gater.

GATER

Children:

- 6
99. i. Thomas.
6
XX 100. ii. Mildred.
6
101. iii. Robert.
6
102. iv. Deloris.

- 5 4 3 2 1
64. Mildred Ruth (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born April 25, 1904.
Married Everette Mullen.

Children:

MULLEN

- 6
103. i. Everette, Jr.
6
104. ii. Betty Gene.

- 5 4 3 2 1
65. William Willard (Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born October 4, 1906.
Married Delores Carpenter, daughter of Raymond Carpenter.

Children:

CHAPMAN

- 6
105. i. Ronald.
6
106. ii. William.
6
107. iii. Sally Ann.

- 5 4 3 2 1
72. King, W. (Henry, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born March 7, 1896.
Married Theda Oberlin, December 25, 1923.

Children:

- 6
108. i. Valaria. Born August 13, 1935.
6
109. ii. Vivilene. Born July 9, 1941.

King Chapman's maternal grandmother, Nancy Platter Reasser, knew Johnny Appleseed well. Her family was one of the first to move into north-western Ohio. Her brother James was the first white child born in that section of the state. One of the orchards planted by Johnny Appleseed was on her father's farm.

King Chapman was in the Navy transports in World War I. After serving thirteen years in the Philippines, he entered West Point and later resigned and became a reserve officer.

Returning to the Middle West, he taught school and became superintendent of various schools. Then he took a government position in the Philippines, where he engaged in educational work for six years and was superintendent of schools in the Island of Jolo. He then traveled in India, Arabia, North Africa, Italy, France, England, Alaska, and the United States.

He had become interested in zoological work; and, in the winter of 1935-1936, he went to British North Borneo as leader of a scientific expedition in the interests of the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University. He has made contributions to some of the greatest museums in this country.

In 1936, he began confidential work for financial interests in the Orient but continued his hobby of excavating old tombs and collecting valuable antiques. On his returns to this country, he has made lecture tours in which he displayed collections of Oriental utensils, weapons, clothing, and musical instruments, and has discussed the life he has observed in the East.

He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked it. The next day he was called back into service in the Intelligence Department of the Seventh Air Division. He was a captain and served throughout the entire World War II.

- 5 4 3 2 1
73. Owen (Henry, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born September 25, 1906.
Married Luella Bush.

Children:

- 6
110. i. Leo. Born January 9, 1937.
6
111. ii. Donna. Born January 30, 1941. She is an unusually good singer.

- 5 4 3 2 1
74. Juanita (Henry, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Born February 8, 1913.
Married Nathan Becker, son of Christ Becker, November 21, 1931.

Child:

BECKER

- 6
112. i. Jerry. Born December 5, 1936.

- 5 4 3 2 1
75. Edith Marie (Ethel Daisy, Rose, Andrew, Founder).
Born April 12, 1893.
Married Clifford McKinley, son of Frank McKinley.

Children:

McKINLEY

- 6
XX 113. i. Clifford Verrell.
6
114. ii. William Franklin. Born October 11, 1921.

SIXTH GENERATION

- 6 5 4 3 2 1
78. Lee, Jr. (Lee Morris, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Married Margarie Long.

Children:

CHAPMAN

- 7
115. i. Jo.
7
116. ii. Jill.

- 6 5 4 3 2 1
79. Lucille (Lee Morris, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Married Omer Widner.

Child:

WIDNER

- 7
117. i. Robert.

- 6 5 4 3 2
86. Charles Richard (Charles Emerson, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew,
1
Founder).
Married Madelon Van Vile.

CHAPMAN

Children:

- 7
118. i. Rhett.
7
119. ii. Karen.
7
120. iii. John.

- 6 5 4 3 2 1
87. Isabelle (Charles Emerson, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Married Arthur Folk

Children:

FOLK

- 7
121. i. Theresa.
7
122. ii. Frances Ann.

- 6 5 4 3 2 1
91. Harold (Harlon Jay, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Married Rose Hall.

Child:

CHAPMAN

- 7
123. i. Doreen Lorilla.
6 5 4 3 2 1

96. James (Mary Cathern, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Married Doris Sanford.

Children:

LEPPER

- 7
124. i. Gloria.
7
125. ii. Juanita.
7
126. iii. Caroline.

- 6 5 4 3 2 1
100. Mildred (Myrtle Ann, Eben Miles, Miles Eben, Andrew, Founder).
Married Leroy McKenzie.

Child:

McKENZIE

127. i. Thomas Leroy.
Leroy McKenzie died, and Mildred married Edward Furgason.

- 6 5 4 3 2 1
113. Clifford Verrell (Edith Marie, Ethel Daisy, Rose, Andrew, Founder).
Married Lois Becker, October 25, 1941.

Child:

McKINLEY

128. i. Lois Lynn. Born December 12, 1943.
Clifford Verrell McKinley graduated from Miami University, Oxford,
Ohio. He was first lieutenant in the Ninth Air Force during World War II and
served in Belgium, France, and Germany.

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN } ss:—

EBEN MILES CHAPMAN, being first duly sworn upon his oath, says:—

That he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 20th, 1858. My father, Miles Eben Chapman, moved from Cleveland, Ohio, to Antwerp, Ohio, when I was about one year old. Father lived at Antwerp for a year or a little more and then moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, when I was between two and three years old. He lived in DeKalb County, Indiana, the remainder of his life. I have always lived in DeKalb County, and Allen County, Indiana.

My father taught school for twenty seven (27) terms. He taught in the towns of Antwerp, Hicksville, and Newville and in Coles Corners, in DeKalb County, Indiana. When he quit teaching school he went to farming. I taught school for three terms. After that I went into the carpenter and contracting business which I followed for fifty three years.

My paternal grandfather's name was Andrew Chapman. He and John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) were brothers.

When I was a boy from six to ten years old my father used to come to Fort Wayne on an average of ten or twelve times a year. He came to Fort Wayne to trade at the stores and to have grain ground into flour at the old Rudisill mill located on the West bank of the St. Joe River near where the Centlivre Brewery now stands. I often came to Fort Wayne with my father. On my first trips with him we came with a team of oxen, later we came with horses. It took us two days to make the trip with oxen—a day to come and a day to return. By leaving at midnight with horses, we could make the trip and get back the following midnight.

We lived about five miles straight East of Spencerville. On the trip to Fort Wayne, we would go to Spencerville, from Spencerville to Hursttown, from Hursttown to Leo, from Leo to Cedarville, where we would cross the river and then on to Fort Wayne, coming past the Nodestine farm and what is now the W. S. Roebuck farm on what is now known as the St. Joe Road. I

remember the Nodestine farm and what is now the W. S. Roebuck farm because there was a spring located on each of these farms West of the road. We used to stop at both of these springs and water our oxen and our teams. There was a trail ran from the main road to the spring on the Roebuck farm and then around a hill through a ravine to the East bank of the St. Joe river. When we stopped at the spring on the Roebuck farm we would generally unhitch our oxen or horses from the wagon on the road and lead them in to the spring. I have visited the Roebuck farm within the past thirty days and the old spring I am talking about is still there. When we used to water our horses and our oxen at the spring there was a log cabin about ten by twelve located about twenty-five or thirty feet South of the spring. I never saw the occupant of this house but apparently it was occupied by a trapper for there was always coon and other hides nailed up outside of it when I was there.

At that time there was also an old graveyard or burying ground about a quarter mile Southwest of the spring and about five hundred to six hundred feet West of what is now the reservoir on Roebuck's farm. My father often took me over to this burying ground and told me that my great uncle, Johnny Appleseed, was buried there. The first time I visited this spot I saw two depressions in the ground about the size of a grave. The place was grown up in weeds and there was no fence around it.

Once when my father and my uncle Timothy and I were coming to town we stopped at this spring. On that occasion my father and my Uncle Timothy and I went over to this burying ground and father and Uncle Timothy got out their jackknives and cut away all the weeds around the grave in which they said Uncle Johnny Appleseed was buried.

My father once visited my Uncle Timothy at my Uncle Timothy's house in Ohio. Uncle Timothy lived about one half mile South of the old Erie Canal and one half mile East of the Indiana-Ohio line and was a section foreman on the Wabash Railroad. The railroad ran close to Uncle Timothy's house. When my father returned home, he told that on a Sunday he and Uncle Timothy had taken their axes, got on a hand car and come to Fort Wayne. From Fort Wayne they walked out to this burying ground and with their axes cut some poles and built a three pole fence around Uncle Johnny's grave, which my father told me was the fence he and Uncle Timothy built.

My Uncle Timothy once told me that he attended Uncle Johnnie's funeral.

He said **there** was only a few people **besides** the pallbearers at the funeral and that he was the only relative present.

At the time of all my boyhood visits to Uncle Johnnie Appleseed's grave, as I have **related** them in this affidavit, there was a little log cabin about two hundred feet Southwest of the place where he was buried. About half of this cabin was **rotted** down at the time I saw it. Both my father and my Uncle Timothy **told** me that Johnnie Appleseed had built this cabin and lived in it part of the time when he was in Indiana.

Uncle Timothy told me that Johnny Appleseed had a nursery on the Wabash **and** another in Van Wert County, Ohio.

In 1913, I was building a garage in Garrett, Indiana. I came to the Keller Stone Yard in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to get a load of cut stone for this garage. While I **was there** somebody came in **and** inquired about a stone that was being prepared for to mark the grave of Johnny Appleseed.

Mr. Keller said to me, "Chapman that stone is to be erected at the grave of Johnny Appleseed. I'll bet he was your uncle. How much are you going to give toward the cost of the stone?"

I said, "Mr. Keller, if they put the stone where it belongs—where Johnny Appleseed was buried—I will give something for it. If they don't I will not give a cent." I understood at the time that the stone was to be placed in the Archer Cemetery and I knew Johnny Appleseed was not buried there. I have since been informed that a dispute arose as to his burial place before the stone was set **and** that it was finally placed in one of the Fort Wayne parks instead of the Archer Cemetery.

Within the past thirty days I have visited the W. S. Roebuck farm two or three times. The spring I have referred to is still there. The mound or hill is still **there and** is now occupied by Mr. Roebuck's reservoir. Two ravines that extended down toward the river can still be distinguished although they have been changed some. I have retraced as best I can the trail that ran from the St. Joe road, **past** the spring over the hill and on down to the river and marked it's route with stakes stuck in the ground.

From memory and from the landmarks that still remain, I would say the

little cemetery was located from five hundred to six hundred feet West of what is now the reservoir on Mr. Roebuck's farm. There is not now and never has been any question or doubt in my mind where Johnny Appleseed was buried. He was buried in the little graveyard on the W. S. Roebuck farm that I have described in this affidavit.

The above was all related to me by my father, Miles Eben Chapman, and my Uncle, Timothy Chapman.

(Signed) Eben Miles Chapman

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, this 12th day of November, 1934.

(Signed) Mary E. Felger
Notary Public

My Commission expires:—
Aug. 24, 1936

COPY OF STATEMENT BY EBEN MILES CHAPMAN

In re Johnny Appleseed building his cabin.

At one time when Johnny Appleseed came to Allen County in the early 1840's he came with my Uncle Timothy Chapman. Uncle Tim had a wife and little girl. They rode on the canal boat. Johnny and Uncle Tim walked and rode Johnnie's horse by turns and came along the tow path. When they arrived just over the state line in Allen County near Antwerp and at a point called the Ox Bow, Uncle Tim got a job of the government at this point taking care of a lock in the canal. Uncle Johnny set about planting his apple seeds and made his headquarters at Uncle Tims. Later he planted a nursery of apple trees along the Maumee in what was once Uncle Tim's place. Uncle helped to plant this nursery. About the year 1840 he made a trip up the St. Joe river. Quick to see the great advantages of this region on the East side of the river near Fort Wayne. He set about at once to build a cabin on a piece of government land.

This cabin he used most of the year until his death. By some hook or crook¹ he never got hold of this piece of land for it fell into the possession of Henry Castle who lived in Preble County, Ohio. Castle never lived on this piece of land. At his death it passed to his heirs who later sold it to Christian Parker in 1860. Then it was sold to Loomas, then to Roebuck. Uncle Tim told me also that in his last sickness he was carried from his cabin to Worth's house where he died. He was carried from Worth's to the grave which was only a few rods in a Southwesterly direction from his Uncle Johnnie's cabin.

After Uncle Johnny failed to get the land on which he had built his cabin, he went to Jay County near Portland and entered a piece of land in 1836.

(Here follows a copy of the deed.)

(Signed) Eben Miles Chapman

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, this 12th day of November, 1934.

(Signed) Mary E. Felger
Notary Public.

My Commission expires:—
Aug. 24, 1936

¹After Uncle Johnny's death Uncle Timothy came to look after this piece of land but found he had lost it to another man whom we know now was Henry Castle of Preble County, Ohio, who entered it in 1831.

COPY OF AFFIDAVIT BY CHARLES DARWIN CHAPMAN

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF ALLEN } ss:

Charles D. Chapman, being first duly sworn on his oath says:—

My name is Charles Darwin Chapman. My sister, who was reading Charles Darwin's "Origin of Species" at the time of my birth gave me the name of

Charles Darwin. In my childhood the neighborhood children nicknamed me "Dar," the monkey trainer.

I am seventy-one years old and was born on a farm in DeKalb County, Indiana, one mile north of the Allen County-DeKalb Line and one mile and ninety rods west of the Indiana-Ohio Line.

My father's name was Miles E. Chapman. He was born in Medina County, Ohio. My paternal grandfather's name was Andrew Chapman. His widow, not my grandmother, was about thirty years his junior in age and lived in Antwerp, Ohio. I saw her often at Antwerp and at my father's home. She often told me that my grandfather was a brother of John Chapman, known as Johnnie Appleseed.

In the early 1840's my father came to Antwerp, Ohio. I have often heard it related in family circles that Johnnie Appleseed wanted my father to settle on a tract of land near the Maumee River where he had planted an orchard, but my father refused on account of the mosquitoes and selected another sight and that Johnny Appleseed and my Uncle Timothy helped him to build his first log cabin.

In my boyhood I frequently came to Fort Wayne with my father. We came by wagon over a route on the east side of the St. Joseph River. At some point on the route, the exact location I have forgotten, my father would point over to the St. Joseph River and say, "Your Uncle Johnnie is buried over there." Altho I do not recall of him ever saying definitely that he was buried on the east or west side I always understood from what my father said that he was buried on the east side of the river.

Since my retirement several years ago I have, and now do reside near Tangerine, Florida. I graduated from Tri-State Normal in 1889 and took post graduate work in other schools. I taught school until 1900 and had a lifetime teacher's license in Indiana. For twenty-one years prior to my retirement I was a structural engineer.

(Signed) Charles D. Chapman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August, 1944.

(Signed) Chester L. Teeter, N.P.
Notary Public.

COPY OF LETTER FROM CHARLES DARWIN CHAPMAN

Zellwood, Fla. Mch. 1-43

Mr. Wesley S. Roebuck

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Roebuck:—Your letter with clippings, from the Ft. Wayne papers, in regard to the resting place of my Great Uncle, were both duly received; and was very much interested in them; and would like very much to contribute something towards solving the past life of my relatives but I am afraid I can't be of very much help. As you, of course, know, I was not yet born when Uncle Johnnie Appleseed was buried. But have heard lots of talk about Uncle from my Father and Uncle Timothy, also from the lips of my grandfather's second wife, who was still alive when I was quite a young man. She was about 30 years younger than Grandpa (my father's dad). My father, Miles Ebbeneiser Chapman, was born near Oberlin, Ohio, on or near Rock River on or about August 8, 1821. He was the baby of a family of seven children; Andrew, Aaron, Timothy, Mary, and Jane, John and Miles Eben. . . . My father told me, when I approached him one time about his life's history. — — — —

This goes by mouth from father to son.—Three young men in search of a new home and more economic freedom set sail from their home country for America and landed in New Jersey about seventeen hundred and fifty. Two of these boys were married, the third remained single. By some way or other it seems they got separated and one brother they completely lost track of but two of them keep in contact with one another unto death. My grandfather, Andrew Chapman was born in the State of New Jersey and later in his life he moved to the Western Reserve near Cleveland, O., on or near Rock Falls on Rock River. This is where Miles Eben Chapman was born.

When my Father, Miles Eben Chapman, was around six years of age, my Grandfather's home was broken up. My Father was put out to a Mr. Peck to raise, (a Presbyterian deacon). He lived with them until a young man of 18 years of age, when he was made a partner in Mr. Peck's grist mill. He received his education in the Oberlin school at Oberlin, O.

When my Father was put out to be raised, my Grandfather Andrew Chapman with his son Timothy moved to Antwerp, O. Here my grandfather was married to his second wife, a native of Antwerp, O., who was 30 years his junior.

Grandfather Andrew Chapman died at Antwerp, O., and is buried near Uncle Timothy Chapman's lot, (about 150 feet due East of where a monument now stands on Uncle Timothy's lot. Erected to Mrs. A. J. Chapman, the daughter-in-law of Uncle Timothy's). (His grave is not marked but shows an outline).

Miles Eben Chapman died in Newville February 8, 1914, and is buried in Hicksville, O., cemetery.

My Great Grandfather is one of the three brothers mentioned in the forepart of this letter. I know very little else about him only he is of Scottish blood and assume he came from Scotland to New Jersey, U.S.A. According to what my grandmother (2nd wife of Grandpa's) told me, her husband, Andrew Chapman, my Grandpa, and Johnny Appleseed Chapman were very dear friends and there was no doubt in her mind (when asked by me if Johnny Appleseed and Grandpa (Andrew Chapman) were of any relation she says to me, "Why yes, they are brothers."

She also told me where he, Johnny Appleseed, was buried. It was on the banks of the St. Joseph near your place.

Any further questions you may wish to ask I will try and answer.

Thanking you in advance for the part you have taken in this for us I beg to remain

Yours Fraternally

(Signed) Charles Darwin Chapman
Zellwood, Fla.
Star route.

STATEMENT OF HENRY CHAPMAN

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF ALLEN } ss:

Henry Chapman, being first duly sworn upon his oath, says:—

That he is sixty-six (66) years of age and now resides at Woodburn,

Indiana, that he is a nephew of Timothy Chapman, who he is informed was a nephew of John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) which, if true, would make this affiant born about 1817; that Timothy Chapman was a brother of affiant's father, who was born in the year 1821; that affiant recalls talking to Timothy Chapman about Johnnie Appleseed and that Timothy Chapman told this affiant that when he heard of Johnnie Appleseed's death he made a trip from Ohio to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to look after any estate or property which Appleseed left. That while in Fort Wayne, he visited Johnnie Appleseed's grave which was located near and on the same side of the river as the Woodburn home in which he died. That the foregoing statements were made to this affiant by Timothy Chapman more than fifty years ago.

Affiant further says that he knew and remembers a man by the name of Palmer, who lived near the Indiana-Ohio State Line; that this affiant talked with Mr. Palmer about Johnnie Appleseed; that Palmer stated that he knew Johnnie Appleseed and that he had been at his (Palmer's) home; that Palmer and Appleseed went to a little church along the Maumee River on one occasion together; that the minister saw Johnnie Appleseed and after services were started the minister asked, "Where is the primeval Christian attired in his justly raiment?" Johnnie Appleseed stepped forward and, answering him, said, "Here am I."

Affiant further says that he is the son of Miles Eben Chapman, who had several brothers whom this affiant knew, namely, Timothy Chapman, Aaron Chapman and Andrew Chapman, Jr.; that affiant's grandfather's name was Andrew Chapman, Sr., who was a brother of Johnnie Appleseed; that all of affiant's uncles were highly educated, several of them being graduates of Oberlin College and the University of Cleveland; that affiant is under the impression that the Chapmans originally came from Scotland; that this affiant has knowledge of and has visited three separate and distinct orchards along the Maumee River today which were planted by Johnnie Appleseed.

Affiant further says that his wife, Mrs. Allie Chapman, is the granddaughter of Jacob Platter, who knew Johnnie Appleseed intimately and that he has often heard from him the story of Johnnie Appleseed's life, death and burial.

Affiant further says that he has heard Timothy Chapman tell other people and that he has told this affiant on many occasions that Johnnie Apple-

seed was buried near the place where he died and was carried from the house on a hill to a little burial ground nearby which was his final resting place.

(Signed)

Henry Chapman

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for county and state, this 18th day of September, 1934.

Mary E. Felger

Notary Public

My commission expires:—

Aug. 24, 1936

STATEMENT OF HENRY CHAPMAN

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN

} ss:

Henry Chapman, being first duly sworn upon his oath, says:—

That he is sixty-six (66) years of age and has resided in the vicinity of Woodburn, Indiana, for approximately thirty-four (34) years, during which time he has acted as Postmaster at Woodburn for twenty-five (25) years; that this affiant's father, Miles E. Chapman, was born in the year 1821 and is a brother of Timothy Chapman, who was born about 1817.

In my boyhood, Timothy Chapman lived on a farm in Ohio about one-half mile South of the old Erie Canal, which was still in operation at that time, and about one-half mile East of the Indiana-Ohio State Line. As a boy I frequently went to my uncle's place to fish in the canal near his home. On the occasion of my visits to his place he often talked to me about Johnnie Appleseed. He told me that when he heard of Johnnie Appleseed's death he made a trip from his home to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to investigate and determine whether Johnnie Appleseed left any estate or property in or about Fort Wayne. He also told me that Johnnie Appleseed died at the home of a man by the name of Worth and that he was buried on the farm where he died, and that while he was in Fort Wayne he visited the grave where Johnnie Appleseed was buried.

Affiant further says that he knew and remembers a man by the name of Nathan Palmer who lived near the Indiana-Ohio State Line and within three-quarters of a mile of the place where this affiant was born; that Mr. Palmer told this affiant that he knew Johnnie Appleseed, that Johnnie Appleseed had been at his, Palmer's home, and Palmer often talked with this affiant about him; Palmer told this affiant that he once attended church in a little church house in the vicinity of the Maumee River; that on this occasion the minister apparently saw and recognized Johnnie Appleseed in the congregation for he arose and said, "Where is the barefooted primeval Christian attired in his justly raiment?" Whereupon Johnnie Appleseed arose in the congregation and answered, "Here am I."

My Uncle Timothy has told me that Johnnie Appleseed and his, my Uncle Timothy's father's family came to the Maumee River Valley in Indiana from Cleveland Ohio.

(Signed) Henry Chapman

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 17th day of October, 1934.

(Signed) Dorothy Yoke
Notary Public

My Commission expires:
March 24, 1936

COPY OF LETTER BY MRS. WILLIAM CASTLE

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
October 19, 1934

Dear Cousin Henry:

In reply to your letter of October 19 will say that it has been quite a while since I heard my father talk about John Chapman or Uncle Johnny Appleseed as he called him. My father, your Uncle Timothy, has been dead for forty-eight years. He died on May 30, 1886, and was over 69 years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Hancock County, Ohio; I can not remember where he said his father was born but I do know that he always spoke of Johnny Appleseed as his uncle and would tell of his conversations with Johnny Appleseed.

My father must have inherited his interest in orchard work. For years his mind ran to nothing but his apples and pears. He had quite a large orchard and always grafted any trees which did not suit him.

Do you remember the big apple orchard on the west side of the Maumee River on the road to the old home. It was about one-half mile from the state line and was one of his orchards. I wish I could tell you more but I can't think of anything more at the present.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) (Mrs.) William Castle.

Mr. Henry Chapman
Woodburn, Indiana

COPY OF STATEMENT BY JAMES AYERS

Fort Wayne, Indiana

September 3, 1934

To whom it may concern:

I, James Ayres, age sixty-eight, of sound mind and good memory, wish to state that just forty-six years ago I had a conversation with Christian Parker my wife's uncle, relative to the death and burial of John Chapman, commonly known as "Johnny Appleseed." At that time I was managing a threshing outfit for a Mr. James Mayhew. Of the members of the crew were Neal Crowell, Henry Halter, and Cyrus Faulkner. We were threshing at the farm of Christian Parker and right after supper I became engaged with Christian Parker in the aforementioned conversation. I called Mr. Parker's attention to the fact that so many old orchards were located so far back from the St. Joe road, indicating that the houses had been likewise located so far from the road and I asked Mr. Parker the reason. Mr. Parker said that the houses had not been originally built nor the orchards planted to be near the St. Joe road, which was not then in existence, but that they had been located facing the St. Joseph River, a few hundred rods east of the river and past the west side of what is now known as the Roebuck reservoir hill.

Mr. Parker further stated that there was a graveyard below the aforementioned hill and that it was quite a historical spot because Johnny Apple-

seed was buried there." Mr. Parker further gave me a description of Johnny Appleseed and his activities and told me some of the details surrounding his death and burial. He stated that at the time of Johnny Appleseed's death he was running a sawmill and that Johnny Appleseed died one night at the home of Worth. The following morning Worth came to the Parker mill to tell Christian Parker that "the old man," meaning Johnny Appleseed "died last night." Mr. Parker stated to me that they agreed to "go together" and bury Johnny Appleseed, since he was without money. So Christian Parker and Jacob Parker made Johnny Appleseed's coffin out of walnut lumber, and Christian Parker stated that he helped bury him in the burial ground aforementioned near three oak trees close to a rail line fence between the Vining and Loomas farms on the Loomas farm.

(Signed) James Ayers.

Witnesses: Fred B. Ball
Howard B. Essex

COPY OF AFFIDAVIT BY ROSARIA B. MURPHY

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF DEKALB } ss:

ROSARIA B. (COLE) MURPHY, being duly sworn upon her oath, says:

That she is 73 years of age and was born in Newville Township, DeKalb County, State of Indiana, at or near a place known as "Cole's Corner."

Affiant further says that she attended school at Cole's Corner and that Miles Eben Chapman taught school at this school two terms during the time she went to said school.

Affiant further says that she recalls Miles Eben Chapman telling stories regarding his uncle, Johnny Appleseed, and that he would tell how he went from place to place, carrying a little sack with his appleseeds in it and planting the seeds as he went along, and that he, Miles Eben Chapman, would make motions with his hands showing how big the sack was and how he would carry it.

Affiant further says that she has read the foregoing facts and that they are true.

(Signed) Rosaria B. (Cole) Murphy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1936.

(Signed) Dorothy Yoke

My Commission expires:
March 26th, 1940

COPY OF LETTER FROM ELENORE PARKER AYERS

Fort Wayne
August 14, 1936

This is facts told me by my father Jacob Loy Parker and my Uncle Christian Parker in regard to the death and burial of John Chapman better known as Johnny Appleseed. They, my father and uncle, sawed the lumber and made his coffin at the old sawmill located on the east side of the St. Joseph River near what is known as the old Indian trail. Said mill owned and operated by the Parkers. My father and mother came to Allen County in 1841 and the mill was established about that time. That mill was abandoned some time in the early fifties. And Uncle Christian Parker built a mill on the new road known as the St. Joseph road. I know the mill was built before the Civil War. By the fact that it was built while my grandmother Mary Loy Parker was living. And she died in 1861.

(Signed) Elenore Parker Ayers
513 West Fourth St.
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

COPY OF AFFIDAVIT BY MONROE SNYDER

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF ALLEN. } AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, Monroe Snyder, being duly sworn upon my oath, say that I reside at 2315 Eade Avenue, in the city of Fort Wayne, Allen County, State of Indiana, and that I am now past 72 years of age; that I was born in New York state, and was brought to DeKalb County, Indiana, by my parents

when I was a year old; DeKalb County is the county bordering on the north of Allen County. I grew up in DeKalb County and attended public school at Cole's Corners, in said DeKalb County; and the school teacher at that time at that school was Miles Chapman, since deceased. The said Miles Chapman was a great man for talking and lecturing to the pupils about historical and other subjects of interest; and I can recall of him telling the pupils that he was a nephew of "Johnny Appleseed" (John Chapman).

I further say that I have also been acquainted for a great many years with Eben Miles Chapman, deceased, a son of the said Miles Chapman. We grew up together in the same neighborhood and I can very well remember his telling me,—the first time when I was about 17 years old,—that his father, the said Miles Chapman, showed him the burial place of said "Johnny Appleseed," and that it was located on the east side of the St. Joe River, in Allen County, Indiana. He also told me the same thing about two years ago.

(Signed) Monroe Snyder

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May, A. D., 1936.

(Signed) H. A. S. Levering,
Notary Public

My commission expires August 7th, 1939.

COPY OF LETTER FROM KING W. CHAPMAN

Hongkong, China
March 7, 1936

My dear Mr. Roebuck:

I have received your communication in regard to the excavations you are making in an effort to locate the exact site of the grave of Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman). I feel that you are doing a very important civic duty and while at the present time your efforts may not be recognized posterity will benefit by your efforts. Last summer while I was at home I gave you what little assistance I could and I feel that we located a cabin which by all the records we were able to find must have been the old Worth Cabin referred to so often in stories surrounding the death of Johnny Appleseed.

It is a great pity that interest was not taken in the burial site of Johnny Appleseed a few years sooner. Twenty years ago there were many people living who could have marked the site without question. I have often heard my grandfather, Miles E. Chapman, relate stories of the life of his Uncle Johnny Appleseed. Always he would end his stories with the statement that he was buried on the east bank of the St. Joseph River.

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My maternal grandmother, Nancy Platter Reasser, knew Johnny Appleseed well. Her family was one of the first to move into the northwestern part of Ohio. Her brother, James, was the first white child born in that section of the state. One of the orchards planted by Johnny Appleseed was located on the farm of her father. In her later years I visited the site with her a number of times. It was her custom to go each fall to secure apples from one of the old trees which she stated was a part of the original orchard. My maternal grandmother was a very frugal and industrious woman who did not at all approve of a big strong man wandering about the country planting apple seeds when he might just as well have been hewing a home out of the forest. I have heard her state that she knew the brother of Johnny Appleseed, my paternal great grandfather, "and he was also shiftless." She related how he carried a gun so much that his coat was worn through on the shoulder. She would have looked on great grandfather with a great deal more respect had he followed some other occupation than that of hunting and fishing.

Although I have searched diligently I have been unable to find written records which would definitely link my family with that of Johnny Appleseed. I have only the statements of my maternal grandmother and my paternal grandfather but I feel this to be quite sufficient since these claims were made more than fifty years ago and were not contested at that time when there were plenty of people living who knew the circumstances. To support the claim that ours is no new claim of relationship there are many people now living who have heard my grandfather refer to his Uncle Johnny Appleseed. Among these are Rosaria Murphy and Monroe Snyder. There are many others.

In common with other members of my family I have never claimed that Johnny Appleseed was buried on your farm, claiming that he was buried somewhere on the east bank of the St. Joseph River in that vicinity. Last summer, however, an incident occurred which leads me to believe that the grave must be on your farm. My uncle, Ebban Chapman, once visited the grave with my

Chapman, John

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ISABELLE CHAPMAN
Arthur Folk
JOSEPHINE CHAPMAN
Robert Crowl
RACHEL CHAPMAN
DAVID CHAPMAN

HAROLD CHAPMAN
Reed Hall
HOWARD CHAPMAN
Pauline Wolfe
JOE CHAPMAN
MARY ETHEL CHAPMAN

(see by last name)
THOMAS LEPPER MCKINLEY

ELITE CHAPMAN
Edward Case
JAMES LEPPER
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2) Edward Furgerson
ROBERT GATER
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VELANIA CHAPMAN
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LEO CHAPMAN
BONNA CHAPMAN

JERRY RECIER

CLIFFORD VERRILL MCKINLEY
a. Lois Becker
WM. FRANKLIN MCKINLEY

ARCHE CHAPMAN
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ANNA CHAPMAN
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LEX MORRIS CHAPMAN
Violet Kisey
CHAS EMERSON CHAPMAN
Frances Butler
HAROLD JAY CHAPMAN
M. Jane Hestertine
WILLIAM C CHAPMAN
Frieda Pace
MARY CATHERINE CHAPMAN
Martha Lepper
MAUDE MAY CHAPMAN
MYRTLE ANN CHAPMAN
Tess Cater
MILDRED RUTH CHAPMAN
Maverett Muller
WM. WILLARD CHAPMAN
Delores Carpenter
GLADYS I CHAPMAN
Joe Hall

LOTUS CHAPMAN
d 11 yrs old
HAROLD CHAPMAN d 6 yrs
d 11 yrs died infancy
MAI CHAPMAN

KING W. CHAPMAN
a. Inada Gecris
OWEN CHAPMAN
Lucinda Bush
JUANITA CHAPMAN
Nathan Becker

EDITH MARIE KUMPEY
a. Clifford McKinley

LEMA KUMPEY

WILBUR CHAPMAN
CHAPLEY CHAPMAN

MARY AMANDA CHAPMAN
1) Wm Davis
2) Baker
WILLIAM CHAPMAN
d ca 1897
ANDREW JACKSON CHAPMAN
b 29 Feb 1858
Mary Idella Howell
d 10 Mar 1935

WESTLEY H CHAPMAN
a. Lucille Hall
EDDIE B. CHAPMAN
b 1863 d 1871

CARRIE VIOLE CHAPMAN
1) John Simmers
b 1865 d 1943

MILB CHAPMAN twin
b 1867 stillborn

MILES F CHAPMAN twin
b 1867 stillborn

FREDDIE CHAPMAN
ALANOR H CHAPMAN twin
b d d 1870

ALICE MAE CHAPMAN twin
b d d 1870

ALFRED CHAPMAN twin
b d d 1871

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b d d 1871

WILSON A CHAPMAN
b 1873 d 1874

WM KERRY H CHAPMAN
b 1876 d 1878

ALBERT CHAPMAN
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KENGEA CHAPMAN
FRANK CHAPMAN
JOHN CHAPMAN
ETNA CHAPMAN
ORSA CHAPMAN

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d 22 yrs old
GEORGE W CHAPMAN
a. Ida Seles

EMER MILES CHAPMAN
a. Jane Parkle
WILLIAM CHAPMAN single
ANDREW S. CHAPMAN

Isaac Akias
HENRY CHAPMAN
a. Allie Reaser
CHARLES BARWIN CHAPMAN
single

CHAMPOND SWALT mrs.
JOHN SWALT single
HARVEY SWALT mrd
FLOPIS SWALT single

SEE JOHN DRAKE LINEAGE CHY
FOR CORINTHA ANN CHAPMAN

ETHEL DAISY THOMPSON
a. Verrill Jean Bumparey
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VII GENERATION

JONATHAN RUDD
b 1800 d Sep 1803
ELIZABETH RUDD
b 1803 d 1803
JOHN CHAPMAN RUDD
b Sep 1805

ELEANOR CHAPMAN
b 14 Jan 1814
a. Nathaniel Silvers
21 Mar 1833
d 7 Apr 1884

MARY CHAPMAN
died young
JANE CHAPMAN
died young
JOHN CHAPMAN
Mrs. ?

TIMOTHY CHAPMAN
b 1817 d 1817

1) Sarah ?
2) Sarah Gable
3) Catherine S
Joneston

d 30 May 1846 Ohio
ANDREW CHAPMAN
M. ... Wilcox

AARON CHAPMAN
a. ... Wilcox
HILES KEN CHAPMAN
b 8 Aug 1821
a. Mary White
d 5 Feb 1915

ELIZA CHAPMAN
b 8 May 1841 MI
a. John Swalt
d ca 1809

CORDELLA CHAPMAN
b ca 1842
d ca 1844

JULIAN CHAPMAN
b 1844 d 1860
CORINTHA ANN CHAPMAN
b ca 1845/7
1) John Drake
2) Wm. Ellis
d 4 May 1901 Mo.
ROSE CHAPMAN
b 4 Sep 1849
a. Jacob Thompson
d before 1910

MARY BROWN
a. ?
a. John Harold

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VI GENERATION

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN
b 18 Nov 1770
a. Nathaniel Rudd
d Sep 1804

JOHN CHAPMAN
(Johnny Applesced)
b 20 Sep 1774
d 18 Mar 1845 Single

NATHANIEL CHAPMAN
b 20 July 1776
d Aug 1776

NATHANIEL CHAPMAN
b 1878
a. Annilla Ross Stevens
d 11 Mar 1861

ANDREW DANIEL CHAPMAN
b 15 July 1783
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d ca 1754

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN
b 19 Nov 1741
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MARTHA CHAPMAN
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Chapman, John See also Drake

Vandalia, Il.

Jan. 16, 1978

Vigo County Public Library

222 N. 7th. St.

Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Librarians:

Do you have a book listing the men from Vigo Co. who fought in the Civil War? I am serching for the record of

WILLIAM CHAPMAN(William Albert, I think)

I am not sure but he may have fought on the Confederate side.

Any idea where I might find this information?

I have tried several William Chapman in the National Archives but without his numbers, I cannot find the right one.

William Chapman was my grandfather. He was married in Terre Haute to Catherine Fouts, in 1855. Died in Clay county about 1875, but was in Vigo Co. census in 1860. *Try Riley Twp*

Would be most grateful for any help. Thank you for your time and any suggestions.

Sincerely

Ruth Rasler Long

Mrs. Melvin Long

604 N 8th. St.

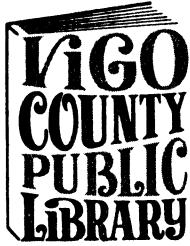
Vandalia, Il.

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Jaunary 18, 1978

Dear Mrs. Long:

I have found nothing for you about William Chapman. The Indiana State Library, Archives Division, has an index to the Adjutant General's Report....in the War of the Rebellion. This consists of 8 Volumes of Rosters of soldiers, etc., and if you can get them to search for William Chapman there, you might get somewhere. In your letter you say that he may have been a Confederate soldier; I wonder why, as he was born in Indiana, according to the Census of 1860, Riley Twp. The Clay County Library, in Brazil, may be able to help you too. I am enclosing a copy of the entry from the Census of 1860, Riley Twp. Sorry not to be able to help you further. Neither his name nor that of his wife is listed in "Pensioners on the Roll in 1883". Sincerely, Elizabeth R. Merrill, Local Historian



Catherine E. Round
Dubois Route
Riverton WY 82501

April 3, 1986

The index to the 1840 Indiana census lists only one Chapman in Vigo county. That was George A. Chapman in Terre Haute. He had three males age 15-20, one male age 20-30, one male age 30-40, and one female age 20-30 in his household. This census did not name the children.

The Indiana 1850 Census Index lists two Chapmans in Vigo county. William was 23 years old and single. Albert B. was 45 but did not have a daughter named Nancy.

The Illinois 1850 Census Index lists many Chapmans in Madison county IL. However, there was only one Nancy. She was the right age and was born in Indiana, but unfortunately she was listed in the household of a Charles Hays. A copy from the microfilm is enclosed. The census does not indicate whether Nancy was a servant or relative of the Hays family.

Since the censuses prior to 1850 did not name the children and since there were so many Chapmans in Madison county IL in 1850, I believe it would be a good idea to check Madison county records for Nancy's father. Perhaps he died and the children were taken in by different families. There should be some record of that. The county seat of Madison is Edwardsville IL 62025.

Nancy Sherrill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Sherrill". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Genealogy Librarian

Riverton, Wyoming
March 21, 1986

Vigo County Public Library
Genealogy Department
One Library Square,
Terre Haute, Indiana

Re: Nancy Ann Chapman

Dear Sirs:

Do you have census records for 1830 and 1840. I am trying to trace my Great Grandmother's family. She was born in Vigo County, March 14, 1833, I understand in Terre Haute. This may have been in the country I am not sure.

I do not know her father's name. She would have been about 7 years old in 1840. He might show in the 1830 census if trace of the family can be found, but according to what record I have no later than the 1850, as she was married in 1851 in Alton, Illinois.

I do not know when the family moved from Indiana.

If you can let me know the cost I will forward the fee, but as I can not get a birth record do not have any further information.

Thank you for helping me.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine E. Round
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Chapman

Madison Co. Ill 519, 535, 635, 361, 337, 369, 548, 425
87, 549, 404, 544, 532, 425, 373 ✓
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1850 { Albert B. Chapman 239 → age 45
 Vigo Co. Census { William (Pierson) 197 → He was 23

1840 - 727 - Geo. A. Chapman

3 males aged 15-20

1 " 20-30

1 " 30-40

1 female aged 20-30

} in I. H.

H. Bible Records - x

Buried at Woodlawn

John H. Chapman

m. Emma H.

(1828-1893)

(1835-

"The Chapman Family" in America.

First Generation:-

Thomas Chapman I. b. ca. 1590. m. Ann — ca. 1618.

Thomas Chapman came from England (Leicestershire) in 1610 on the ship "Tryall", and settled with the early settlers on the London Company at Jordens Journey, Virginia. His wife Ann — came on the "George" in 1617.

The present stock of Chapmans flourished through several generations in Leicestershire, England, from whence emigrated to Ireland two brothers, John and William, under the auspices of their cousin-german, Sir Walter Raleigh. The elder brother died without issue. The family was established ^{there} ~~there~~ by William, who left an only son, Benjamin, a captain of the army, whose second son, Thomas, came to America with the first colonists.

Genealogy Magazine, Vol. 6, 1916.

List of Emigrants to America, 1600-1700, by J. C. Hotten shows a list of families at Jordens Journey, Va., Feb. 16, 1623, including Thomas Chapman, wife & children. page. 171.

Same ref., page 212, shows muster of Thomas Chapman, Jordens Journey, Charles City, Va., 1622. Thomas Chapman arrived on the "Tryall" 1610. Ann his wife on the "George" 1617.

Sent to me from Ceberth Chapman
Nov. 1, 1964 3160 California St.
Huntington Park, Cal.
90257

Sept 25, 1963.

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Issue: List of Emigrants to Am. 1600-1700 by J.C. Hotten p. 212.

> Thomas II b. 1619

Ann b. 1622, at Jordans Journey, Virginia.

86T. Second Generation:

Thomas Chapman II b. 1619, at Jordans Journey, Va.;
Settled on Elizabeth River, Va.

Issue:

> Thomas III b. ca. 1642; Settled in Charles County,
Maryland in 1662-3

78T. Third Generation:

Thomas Chapman III b. ca. 1642. m. ca. 1689,
Elizabeth Crason. It appears that his wife
Elizabeth died about 1695 and Thomas and his son
Thomas Jr., went to Stafford County, Virginia and
settled. Thomas Sr., married a widow Margaret
Perkins. He was about 63 years old when he
remarried. Died in Stafford, Va. after 1708.

Issue; (Margaret was the mother of grown children)

> Thomas IV b. Mar. 26, 1690 in Charles Co. Md.,

Mary b. Aug. 19, 1693. REF: Md. Gen. Bul., Vol. 1 p 28.

66T. Fourth Generation:

Thomas Chapman IV b. Mar. 26, 1690. Probably
died in Culpepper County, Va. in 1782, at least the
only record we have for a Thomas Chapman's demise
is the inventory of the personal property of
Thomas Chapman, Culpepper County, will Book
B. page 537, dated November 18, 1782.

Issue;

Nathaniel Chapman b. CA. 1712 m. Constantia Pearson ¹⁷³²

John b. CA. 1714; settled in Orange Co.

> Isaac b. CA. 1716 m. 1739 d. 1746-7. m. Sara Cole
George, died prior to 1760.

A girl who married Johnson.

Fifth Generation:

Isaac Chapman b. CA. 1716. d. 1747. Married ⁱⁿ 1737-8
Sara Cole

Issue:

Isaac. Settled in Alabama. Grandson Reuben in Congress.

John. Married Sallie Abbott.

Richard. Married Margaret Abbott. family was
Jemimah. " Moredock McKensy killed by
Indians. Ref. Johnstons Middle New River. p. 390.

Sixth Generation:

Richard Chapman b. in Orange Co. Va. (now Culpepper)
CA. 1742. married Margaret Abbott. Johnstons Ref.
(p. 390) states: "In November 1768, John Chapman, Richard
Chapman and Moredock O. McKensy removed from
Culpepper County to Shenandoah, in the Valley of
Virginia and from thence, in 1771, came to the New
River Valley and settled at the mouth of Walker's
Creek, where John Chapman had two dwelling
houses destroyed by the Indians; his family being
forced to flee to the Snidow Fort for protection."

We find that in 1771 Richard was Constable in
Botetourt County. He also was Constable in Fincastle
Co. in Reed Creek between 1773 and 1774.

Records indicate that he was a soldier during the
time of the Revolutionary war. In the "Annals of South-
west Va." by Summers on p. 772: - Richard produced
sufficient proof to this court that he ought to be
paid the following sums for sundries lost when
in the service of the Illinois Regiment without any
fault of the owner.

1 Rifle gun 15:	1 Hat 0:10:	2 pr. Stockings 0:8:0
1 Blankett 1:0:0	1 Shirt 0:7:0	

Also Richard Chapman listed as a soldier was
granted 50 acres of land in Washington Co. in 1780

Issue:

John, settled in Giles Co. Va.

William, settled in Lawrence Co. Ky.

Abner, settled in Ohio.

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Seventh Generation;

William^{Chapman} b. 1762. d. 1840 married July 27, 1787
Elizabeth Burgess b. 1766. d. 1863.

Issue:

- Jemima b. 1788 m. Thomas Short, July 12, 1809
- Margaret d. 1851 m. Lewis Wellman 1811. b. Sept 2, 1788
- Nancy m. Joseph Wellman, Mar. 20, 1809.
- Sarah m. Engel Ezekiel Davitts, Feb 12, 1824.
- Annie m. George Sowards, Aug 15, 1816.
- Dacey m. James Marcum, Feb. 19, 1817
- Andrew b. 1803 m. Martha M^cClure, Feb 17, 1828.
- William b. 1805. m. Polly M^cClure, Dec. 16, 1823.

GT. GT.

Eighth Generation;

Margaret Chapman b. 1790 d. 1851
Lewis Wellman b. Sept 2, 1788

Issue

- Jane b. Jan 29, 1811 m. William Andrews.
- Bennett b. 1812 m. Isabelle ?
- George Washington b. 1814 m. Katherine M^cDowell
- Noah b. 1816 m. Nancy Jane M^cDowell. ←
- John Wellman b. 1818. m. Katherine Bales.
- Margaret Eliza b. 1819 m. James Andrews.
- Joseph b. May 12, 1824 m. Lucy M^cDowell.
- Emily America b. Dec 11, 1838. Streeter Pettijohn

SISTERS

Ninth Generation.

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Jane Wellman b. Jan 29, 1811 d. Feb 5, 1879
William Andrews b. Oct 26, 1807 See pages #7 + #8.

Issue.

- Mary Elizabeth b. May 1, 1833, m. James Amerman SEE PAGE #8
- James Lewis b. Jan 29, 1839
- William Jasper b. Apr. 22, 1840, m. Amanda^m Davis
- John Calvin b. May 2, 1842
- George Wellman b. Mar. 11, 1844
- Elias E. b. Aug 3, 1845
- Cyrus b. Dec 15, 1847
- Demetrius b. Dec. 15, 1847
- Henry Anderson b. Nov 4, 1849
- Joseph Francis b. Mar 7, 1855.

twins

G.P.

Tenth Generation:

Mary Elizabeth Andrews b. May 1, 1833. d. Nov 26, 1903

James Amerman b. May 9, 1831 d. Jan 11, 1904.

Issue;

Mary J. b. May 27, 1854, d. Sept 25, 1935. m. Marion Davis

John L. b. Feb. 11, 1856. d. Mar 20, 1938. m. Lucy Venstrom

Margaret b. May 8, 1858. d. Mar 25, 1884. m. Will Nolan.

E. Josephine b. Dec. 6, 1859, d. Dec. 10, 1940. m. Monce Hupp.

Martha B. b. Mar 3, 1862. d. — m. Chas. Bailey.

William Sherman b. Oct 10, 1864. d. May 26, 1946. m. Calla Fonnannon

Viola Victoria b. Feb 21, 1866. d. Sept. 19, 1949. m. ^{Huston Weaver and} Dave Fletcher.Idella May b. Mar. 10, 1868. d. Dec. 5, 1958. m. ^{Sam Fonnannon and} Fred Wilkins.

George b. Jan 23, 1870. d. Jan 18, 1945. m. Linnie Myers.

Addison b. Nov. 30, 1872. d. — 1932. m. Effie Dodd.

Eleventh Generation:

MY
PARENTS

William Sherman Amerman b. Oct 10, 1864. d. May 26, 1946

Calla Leona Fonnannon b. Aug 26, 1864. d. Aug. 13, 1946.

Issue;

John William b. Jan 26, 1886. m. Jennie T. Clover.

Brauna F. b. July 6, 1888. m. Marie Hartley.

Robert T. b. Oct 21, 1890. d. Dec 6, 1951. m. Clara Murle.

Hazel b. Nov. 23, 1893. d. Sept 9, 1905.

Sarah Elizabeth b. Dec. 8. 1896. m. Wm. Loyd & Robert Taylor

Ruth b. Mar. 31, 1898. d. Oct 24, 1901

Alice Helen b. Aug 4, 1902. m. Walter Ewell.

Wayne Roy b. Mar. 11, 1905. m. Amelia Boot.

Mary Virginia b. April 9, 1909. m. Conrad Scholz.

"The Mulligan and Wellman Family" (5)

First Generation: - "Mulligan"

James Mulligan I } Came from Scotland about 1650.
Mary Jane Darnall } Pages 5 and 6 are copied from data
Issue; sent to me from Juanita (Wellman)
Mary b. 1659 Bowman, 312 W. 3rd St. Lordsburg,
James b. 1661. m. Mary Jane Prather New Mexico.
Elizabeth b. 1663. m. Richard Hartup

Second Generation; "Mulligan"

James Mulligan b. 1661. (Mulligan changed to Mulligan)
Mary Jane Prather b. _____

Issue;

James III b. 1681 m. Charity Belt.
John b. 1683. m. Katherine Lewis.
Mary b. 1685 m. John Bowie.
Jane b. 1687 m. _____
William b. 1690. m. Margaret Turner.
Eleanor b. 1692. m. _____
Thomas b. 1694 m. Elizabeth Wilson.

Third Generation; "Mulligan"

John Mulligan b. 1683
Katherine Lewis

Issue;

Katherine b. 1721.
Lewis b. 1723. m. Mary Humphrey.
John b. 1725.

Fourth Generation; "Mulligan"

Lewis Mulligan b. 1723.
Mary Humphrey b. _____ (daughter of Archibald ^{Humphrey})

Issue;

John b. Feb 23, 1752 } twins
Elizabeth b. " " " }
Archibald b. 1754.

Mary b. Feb 7, 1757. m. Bennett Wellman.
Lewis b. Mar. 6, 1758. m. Susanna Jarvis.
Esther b. 1759.

Humphrey b. 1761 Look on page #6 under Third
Katherine b. 1763. Generation for continuation.

"The Cox, Wellman, Mulligan and Chapman Family"

(6)

First Generation;

Phillip Cox b.
Sue Springer b.

Issue;

Nancy b. 1733. m. John Wellman.

Second Generation;

John Wellman b. 1730 m. Mar. 1751.

Nancy Cox b. 1733.

Issue.

James b. 1752.

Bennett b. 1754. (Served from Maryland in Revolutionary War)

Susie b. 1755

Mary b. 1757

Third Generation;

Bennett Wellman b. 1754. ^{Signed oath of allegiance in 1777 in Baltimore, Md.}

Mary Mulligan b. Feb 7, 1757. of Mary & Lewis Mulligan

Issue;

Elizabeth b. Feb 2, 1778. m. Flourney Cox.

John b. Aug 2, 1779. m. Nancy Webb.

Joseph b. Sept. 1, 1781. m. Nancy Chapman. ^{Sister}

Elisha b. Jan 22, 1784. m. Sarah Chaffin.

Jerimiah b. Dec. 17, 1785. m. Julia Anne Runnels

Lewis b. Sept. 2, 1788. m. Margaret Chapman

Michael b. Nov. 28, 1790.

James b. Jan. 25, 1793. m. Elizabeth Cauffman.

a girl b. 1801

a boy b. 1804.

Fourth Generation;

Lewis Wellman b. Sept 2, 1788

Margaret Chapman

Issue;

Eight Children.

d. 1851. daughter of
Elizabeth Burgess & Wm. Chapman
page #3 of "The Chapman
Family." Their issue
also listed there under
eighth generation.

Look on page #3 of "The Chapman Family"
for continuation.

Copied from note sent to Albert Chapman by Imogene Franklin Bennett, or Mrs Romeo Bennett, 321 Eighth Ave Nov. 11, 1959. Margaret Chapman, 1000 Dayton, Kentucky.

Excerpts on the Chapman Family from "The Big Sandy Valley" by William Ely, published by Central Methodist, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, 1887.

William Chapman, the ancestor of the Chapmans of the Sandy Valley, came from Giles Co, Va. in 1806 and settled in what is now Lawrence Co, Ky. Mr. Chapman was followed in 1810 by Wm. McChure who was his son-in-law. The latter came from Botetourt Co, Va.

Mr. Chapman's grandson Lt. George Chapman, now holds a patent for land inherited from his grandfather, issued by James Monroe then Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, afterwards President of the United States. The patent was issued to David French, who afterwards transferred it to Wm. Chapman dated Apr. 19, 1782. It calls for four thousand acres of land. The deed from French to Chapman bearing date 1802, calls for one thousand acres of aforesaid patent. When the patent was issued it was for Kanawha County, this part of Ky. then being in that jurisdiction. This was before W. County had been established. The tract of land embraced in the Chapman purchase from French, now owned by Lt. Chapman, is situated on the west bank of the Sandy, five miles above Louisa, and is known as the Davitts Place.

Mr Chapman ^{died} at a ripe old age, in 1840, on the farm where he first settled after leaving Va. The wife of his youth lingered on the shores of time until 1863, dying at the great age of ninety-seven years.

The descendants of Wm. Chapman are very numerous in the Sandy Valley and have spread out into various localities & states. When we count the descendants in the male & female lines, we find but few families in the valley more numerous than the Wm. Chapman family. His descendants have brought no stain on his fair character and upright life. They have certainly added much to the material, intellectual and moral wealth of the country. They may not be money-gatherers but are good liver. The family is noted as knowledge-seekers. One grandson is a skillful physician; another is a professor in a state college, one who was educated at a university is at the head of a

Classical school and another fills the office of super-
intendant of common schools in his native country. A
granddaughter was for several years a teacher in a
prominent female college.

Lt. George R. Chapman, a grandson, now past middle life, was an officer highly spoken of in the war for the Union. He resigned his position on account of sickness before the war ended. He was in the 14th Infantry Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers Union Army. He is a leading citizen of Louisa. The Chapmans are either members or adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics they are nearly all Republicans, although some are Democrats."

Sent to me by Robert Chapman 3160 California St.
Nov. 5, 1964. Huntington Park, Calif.
90257

He writes that Wm. MC Clure in this is listed as the son-in-law of William Chapman which is an ~~error~~ ^{error}. He was the son-in-law of George Chapman, who is a double cousin to William.

Wm. M^cClure is a brother to Cebert's grandmother
Polly M^cClure Chapman. The George Chapman men-
tioned in the article is a brother to Cebert's father,
James R.

Wm. Ammerman Scholz

Mary Amerman Scholz
 35280 Donnelly Ave.
 Garden City, Mich.
 48135

No. 141

DULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Riley Township in the Count
Indiana enumerated by me, on the 10th day of Sept 1860.
Office Riley

Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place Naming the or C
		Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Mary C. Manning	2						
115	Mr. N. "	61			George Becker	3000	1000	Ind
116	Mr. Chapman	32			Do.	400	100	Ind
	Catherine "	25						
	Miss M. "	3						
	Wm. "	2						
	James Graham	25						
	Patience "	10						
117	J. W. "	10						

	Straw	21		Faber			
1011	H. H. Pierce	38		Farmer	800	400	
	John	33					
	James	3					
	Infant	3					
1012	E. Strassell	35		Farmer	300	150	Pro
	Marilla	21					Sur
	Sarah	61					Sur
1013	H. H. Chapman	34		Farmer		200	Ind
	Susan	31					
	Theresa	9					
	Dan	7					
	Wm	9					
	Chas	1					
1014	A. H. Mansing	33		Constable	150	50	
	Elizabeth	24					
	Mr. R.	4					

No. white males,

No. colored males,

No. foreign born,

1860 Census of Vigo Co., Pa. Pop. 140

No. blind,

Cebert B. Chapman
3160 California Street
Huntington Park
California 90257.
November 1, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Mary Scholz -

*Sarah Taylor
my sister Mary Scholz*

Nov. 1, 1964

Received your letter several days ago, and was pleased to hear from you. Harry Dowdy gave me Sarah's address, and he showed me pictures, also; some school history of Spangler's School. Some of it was very interesting to me, as my sister (Sylvia), just younger than I, went to the Spangler School along with Sarah. Don't know if she told you or not, I think the year was 1908. So it had been about 56 years since I had seen her. I knew at the time that we were related in some way.

I knew John Wellman, John Stafford, and William J. (Jap) Andrews, and their families. The elder brothers and sister, Stella, of mine were all raised fairly close together, as my Father and Mother, lived north of Jonestown, and close to Center Church, east of Jonestown. You probably know the area.

Now, Clifford Wellman, I have known very well all of my life. His Father was John Wellman, and John's Father was Noah Wellman, and I do remember of him, but think he had passed on before my time. I remember John Wellman and his wife very well. His son, Clifford, lives in Elbridge, Ill., north west of Terre Haute. I see him when I go back to that part of the country. Clifford's sister, Effie M. Jenkins, lives at - 211 South High Street, Paris, Ill.

Since I have been working on this 'Family History', I have come to the conclusion that Noah Wellman, almost has to be a son of Lewis and Margaret Wellman, and Elizabeth Amerman, who married James Amerman, would be your grandparents, is their grand-daughter.

My oldest sister, Stella, is still living and she will soon be 87 years old. She tells me that Elizabeth Amerman and William J. Andrews were brother and sister. Stella grew up with the Andrews and Amermans.

I am sending you an excerpt from a letter of a descendant of Jemina Chapman Short, sister of Margaret Chapman Wellman, who lives in Long Beach, California.

Also; I am sending a list of William and Elizabeth Burgess Chapman, and their children, of which Margaret was one. I am sure there were more, but records are so hard to get hold of.

This William Chapman, No. 2, was a brother to Margaret, and was Father of James K. Chapman, who was my Father.

The first William, herein, is the son of Richard and Margaret Abbott Chapman, and Richard's brother, John, married Sally Abbott.

➤ John and Richard Chapman both fought in the first battle of the American Revolution, at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, October 10, 1774. I have a documented statement to this.

➤ I have a Genealogy Book written by George Braden Roberts, a descendant of John Chapman, which gives a very good history of Chapman, and other families, including the Clay, Stafford, and Peck families. The book dates back to Thomas Chapman, who came from Leistershire, England, to Jordan's Journey, Virginia, on the boat, "Tryall", with the first settlement. I had quite a time to get these books, but I have one or two books left, so if you are interested, you can let me know. The book is quite complete down to Richard and John's families. The only ones of Williams's family he had was William and Andrew, so I had to dig to get the balance of what I have.

What I never have been able to find out is what Elizabeth Amerman and 'Jap' Andrews and their brother George Andrews were to my Father. Now, the way I have figured it out, their Mother was the daughter of Lewis and Margaret Chapman Wellman. I don't know how many children they had. Would like the names of the Mother and Father of Andrews' family.

Cebert B. Chapman

PM
Mrs. George B. Roberts
Apartment 521
2853 Ontario Road NW
Washington, D. C. 20009



Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Scholz,
35280 Donnelly Ave.,
Westland,
Michigan 48185

1968

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Scholz,

I am sorry
that my husband
was not here to
enjoy your lovely
birthday card and
letter. Howard
have loved them.

He passed away
Jan. 13 of Congestive
Heart Failure, after

2/
a serious illness
of only one week.
He had been
ailing for a year
but we had no
idea that the end
was so near!

Thank you sincerely
for remembering
his birthday which
will be tomorrow
Jan. 29. 'Most sincerely',
Carrie B. Roberts

"853 Ontario Road, N.W. Washington D.C.
To, Mrs. Conrad Scholz;

1967

Dear Cousin:-

I have not heard from you for a long time, but I have not forgotten the fine letter you wrote me for aid in my genealogy. I still appreciate what you wrote and thank you much for the info.

This is not a letter, it is just a wish-well note to show you that I have not forgotten the nine things you said to me in your letter. I hear from your brother C.B. Chapman quite often. He was a fine help in my struggle to write a nice genealogy. That was a huge job for an amateur like me, but I got something down on paper which the kin-folk will not forget soon.

We are all well and having a happy time here alone. We are wishing the same for you and your family. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There may be many more of them, but there may not be so many left. I am getting along in years now and hope for several more. I shall be 88 if I live for another month after the coming New Year,

Thanks for your friendship and wish kindness for you and your family for several more years.

Sincerely yours,
G.B. Roberts and Family.

G.B.R.

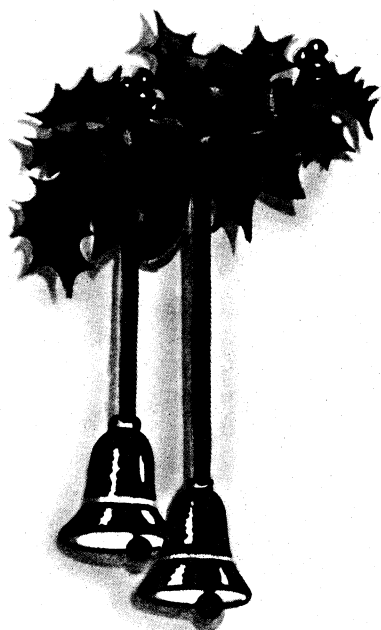
My wife is well and so is my daughter who lives in an apartment located in the same building where we live. My daughter and her husband have nice high paying jobs for the Old Blind Uncle Sam. They are doing OK.

GEORGE B ROBERTS
2853 ONTARIO RD NW
WASHINGTON D C 20009





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To wish you
a Merry Christmas
and a
New Year
bright with
happiness!

G. B. Roberts.

2900 Connecticut Ave., N. W. #226
Washington, D.C. 20008
16 December 1965

Dear Friends:

Each Christmas as we prepare this letter we think that it should not be done just once a year but twice. That there ought to be some reasonably significant occasion in mid-summer that would prompt us to send another greeting to all our friends. But summer is always so full of hot weather, muggy days, vacation plans and week-ends on the boat that we never seem to get up the energy we need to accomplish a semi-annual greeting too. I do keep it in mind, however, so don't be surprised!

The year has rushed by with its usual speed. Last year we spent Christmas in the Florida Keys, trying to recover from a furious trip to South America. The Latins' altitudes and intestinal ailments had occasioned an early return to the U. S. and we spent a few days in a delightful retreat on Big Pine Key readjusting to American food, sea level altitude and the pleasures of fishing in the sub-tropical waters. We vowed to return but haven't yet. On our way home we stopped overnight with friends in Ft. Myers and enjoyed their delightful hospitality in a real Florida home.

Soon after our return, June plunged into a study for the Post Office Department, determining the best set of physical characteristics for a keyboard to be used with a Sack Sorting machine in the Oakland, California, Post Office. The study lasted several weeks and she enjoyed the mild climate of California for most of February and March. Knowledge gained in the study was used to setup a training program for operators of the Sack Sorter and this led to several other trips to Oakland later in the year. Douglas was not particularly happy about being a batchelor for so long but bore up under the separation admirably.

Douglas, meanwhile, was co-authoring a huge volume entitled LEGIBILITY OF ALPHA-NUMERIC CHARACTERS AND OTHER SYMBOLS, AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. The work is a comprehensive review of all the significant studies in the field of legibility since work began in that area. Over 500 pages make up the volume. The book has not yet reached the press but will be published by the Government Printing Office shortly. The project was paid for by the National Science Foundation.

In June, the NSF grant ended, of course, so Douglas transferred to the Headquarters Staff of the Institute of Applied Technology, one of the four comprising the National Bureau of Standards, and was assigned to assist with human factors problems that arise in the Building Research Division. He is a pioneer in that Division, previously largely composed of people who have been totally devoted to hardware testing for all the years of their existence, so he really has his work cut out for him in trying to use those rocks and pipes and plasters. Progress is slow but he is making some headway.

As soon as the Sack Sorter keyboard study was over, June got busy on a study for the U. S. Patent Office. Patent examiners were asked to record on magnetic tape the thoughts they had while searching patent applications the old-fashioned "manual" way and while doing the same task with the aid

of mechanically stored information. The tapes were then transcribed and the contents compared. The material was interesting enough to warrant the writing, delivering and publishing of two papers on the subject. The Patent Office would like to have the project continued but the money has run out!

In accordance with the President's request that Americans take their vacations in their own country this year to reduce the flow of gold abroad, we decided to spend our leave in Colorado. Douglas had been anxious to spend some time in the Rockies and it was his year to pick the vacation! So, we met in Denver (June had been to Oakland for a look at the progress of the training program for operators of the Sack Sorter) and rented a car for the last two weeks in August. Little did we know that that was the very peak season for the fabulous Colorado vacation area! We spent two weeks there, making a grand circle of the state and spending a lot of time in the high mountains. Our rented Ford performed awesomely well, never faltering even on roads designed only for Jeep travel -- roadbeds of the narrow-gauge railroads which scaled the peaks of the Rockies. We stayed several days at each of several towns but longest in Salida. Douglas explored old, worked-out silver mines and picked up numerous samples of ore. We hunted out old ghost towns and traced the lives and fortunes of a number of gold rush tycoons, including the famous "HAW" Tabor and his lady, Betty Doe. A brief look at the Garden of the Gods and the cliff dweller ruins at Mesa Verde were spectacular sights but we really enjoyed more the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. Their chapel with its 17 spires is a very unusual sight. We would recommend a look at Ouray too, where the mountains are red and the very mud is pink! We toted home a load of rock samples, beautiful ore-bearing specimens, but nobody yet has evinced much interest in them. They do make interesting paperweights, however.

Other summer week-ends were mostly spent in working on or sailing our boat on the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay. The boat was a place to go and relax this year, not just to work on, but even so we didn't have many guests to go sailing. Perhaps next year we will make more of an effort to share our treasure with more friends. Mother and Dad Roberts were down at least three times, but Clyde Cornog doesn't like boats so he never goes any closer than to the pier. Some progress was made in the art of preparing food aboard the craft but as yet June has not mastered the skill required to prepare more than one hot dish at a time and that only when fastened to the dock!

This fall we decided to attend another boating class and so both of us are registered for Advanced Piloting with the U. S. Power Squadron. This is the third course we have taken and we suppose we will both pass again. One thing the study has done for us is to give us a healthy respect for the water and its power. Douglas has always had this, June has learned it, but Douglas has learned considerable proficiency in the handling of the boat as well. We think we may spend our vacation on the RESTLESS next summer and take a cruise around the Chesapeake.

Our plans about moving to a larger apartment do not seem to be progressing very fast. The apartment we want finally became available (due to the decease of the previous owner at the age of 91) but settling

a will seems to take a very long time. The apartment is in the same building where Mother and Dad Roberts live and is perfectly astonishing for size -- four bedrooms and a servant's room, in addition to all the others one usually gets. Douglas can't wait to turn that maid's room into a workshop, one bedroom into a study, and to have room to put away (for awhile) all the literature he constantly collects on all subjects.

Mother and Dad Roberts are reasonably well but both have to be careful not to over-exert themselves. They are still active socially and in the internecine politics of the Ontario Apartment House. They sold their car this fall.

Douglas' father, Clyde, does not seem to change. He looks hardly a day older than when June first saw him eleven years ago. He is retired, now, of course, and spends his days much alone. He visits Washington about once a month and has recently made his first visit to Athens, Georgia, to visit Geoffrey, who is on the faculty of the University of Georgia.

That accounts for a lot of the things we have done this year, but not all. We took time out for a delightful visit with friends in Glen Cove, N.Y., over the Fourth of July, and with other friends spent a week-end in Easton, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, early in November. June managed a visit to Portland, Ore., to visit Roberts Aunts and cousins on the tail-end of one of her trips to Oakland. Douglas flew to Seattle for a week this fall to attend a military operations research conference. He took advantage of his opportunity while there to visit many Yates he had not seen for several years. June also took her parents on a short motor trip to Norfolk, Va., so her Father could look at the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Other than that, life has been quite humdrum. We wish it were possible to visit all of you during these Christmas holidays, to spend some time renewing our interests and experiences. In lieu thereof, let us send you all the best wishes of the season and remind you that if ever you are in Washington, we would like to have you stay with us.

Sincerely,

June
Doug

*June is the daughter of Geo. Braden Roberts of
Washington D.C. who helped me so much
with my Chapman Ancestors.
M. Scholz.*

Keep this paper EVER

1821

RECORD OF LAWRENCE COUNTY MARRIAGES FROM ~~1821~~ to 1851

William Chapman to Polly McClure, 12-16-1823 by Lewis Wellman.
Mitchell Chapman to Enarity Ball, by Lewis Rindesby, 11-1835.
William Chapman to Nancy McClure, by William McClure, 4-30-1850
Hezekiah Davis to Milla Wheeler, 9-29-42.
Bartram Davis to Nancy Grubb, 8-22-44
Hickman Davis to Nancy Cumpton, 4-13-50.
James Davis to Lucinday Conterbury, by James Pritchard, 3-23-31,
George Davis to Julett Dillion, 12-30-35.
John Davis to Elizabeth Nelson, 5-14-35.
John Davis to Nancy Chapman, 3-19-36.
James Davis to Levina Caney, by John Stafford, 11-23-22.
Andrew Davis to Ella Meek, by John Stafford, 10-2-23.
DAVIS → Eliha to Rachel, by John Stafford, 3-31-25.
Joseph Davis to Katherine Borders, by John Stafford, 1-19-26.
Owen Dyer to Rebecca Peck, by James Marcum, 11-27-29.
Ezekil Cavit to Sarah Chapman, by Lewis Wellman, 2-12-24.
Pleasant ~~Stimpson~~ McCoy to Vicy Chapman, by Tom Kirk, 12-20-43.
Edward Meek to Ellen Chapman, by William McClure, 1-6-51.
Samuel Muncey to Sally Chapman, by James Marcum, 10-22-35.
Walter Osburn to Sally Edwards, 8-24-24.
George Peck to Emily Stafford, 2-22-38.
Ralph Staffors to Syntha Burgess, 6-18-37.
David Wellman to Mary Holbrook, 11-28-22.50.
Lewis Wellman to Rebecca Kelly, 1-1-51.
James Wellman to Flora Ser?, 10-14-51.
Bannet Wellman to Mariah Burton, 4-26-27.
David Wellman to Rebecca Wilson, 10-26-24.
Thomas A. Wooten to Jane Casel, by John Stafford, 8-1-27.
Castle Wooten to Heziah Justice, 12-12-3-.
Silas Wooten to Julian Chapman, by James Marcum, 8-29-33.
Alderson Workman to Rebecca McClure, by G.L. Warner, 4-25-50.
Harvey Workman to Ellen McClure, 4-21-50.

Note:- I have shown only some of the names on the record which might be of interest to us. There are others on the list.

I was unable to get the names of the Co. Records of Montgomery Co. Va. I expect to get them later.

Copied by G.B.Roberts. 2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009.

2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, 9, D.C. 20009
Dec. 1, 1964.

Mr. George B. Roberts
2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Apartment 522
Washington, D. C. 20009

Mary Schols:-

I have a copy of your letter which you wrote for the education of the William Chapman family, showing the genealogy of the family which I missed in my book. I have spent several years on that study and have not completed the whole relationship as I should like to have done it, but you may surmise that there are others in the kinship who have been omitted also. You see I have at least 1,000,000 kin in the U.S.A. it would require a life time to get them all in one book. I tried to record those who are nearest kin on my mother, and apologise for those whom I have missed.

Now, I was born within about four miles from the home of William Chapman but I never did meet a single one of the family. I have spent a lot of time searching for the William Chapman family. I have spent three days in the libraries during the past week, but found nothing of value. I did find that William and Elizabeth were married in Montgomery County, Va. which has since been made part of Giles Co. Now Giles Co. was organized in 1806, so any one born since that time are from Giles and if born before that time they came from Montgomery. Andrew and William were born in Giles and the other members of the family came from Montgomery. The first census of Giles was made in 1810. I searched for that census but did not get it, yet. I shall try again.

Now, the Lawrence Co. Ky was started in 1821. So the 1920 census is not shown. There was a census but it was in another Co. which later was converged with a couple of Counties and called Lawrence. I am sending you a copy of the marriages in Lawrence which includes the dates from 1821 to 1851. I shall keep trying until I find them.

One of the Stafford girls married Lewis Wellman, no date given April 22, 1815 (See my book, page 255). This is not the Lewis Wellman which you have listed in your MSS. There was a family of Wellmans who lived just across the River from William Chapman. The Wellmans are related to many families in that area. My trouble in this work is that I do not know the names of the folks I am hunting for. The 1850 census gives the names of each member of the whole family, but none of the rest of the census records show all of the names.

I sincerely hope that you have them all named and dated properly. I shall check your work and see if I can clear it up a wee.

Sincerely yours.

G.B.Roberts



2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, 9, D.C. 20009.
Jan. 9, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Scholz:-

I was much surprised this A.M. to find a nice letter from you in my mail box. I was much pleased and wish to be of some advantage to you ere this sequence of correspondence has ended. I have been criticised beyond end because I have not got the full family of the William Chapman in my run down of the kinfolk of my of my ancestors. My great grandfather was George Chapman who was a first cousin to William. They both bought 1000 acres each on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, in the N.E. part of Ky. They bought the land there in about 1800 and they brought up a large family in each case. William selected his 1000 acres about five miles above the forks of the Big Sandy, and George got his adjoining the land of William on the upper side, or up the River from that of William. I was born on what was part of the George Chapman track of land.

Joseph Peck married Elixabeth Chapman in Va. and came with his father in-law to Ky. about 1808., really it was 1815. Joseph Peck had only two children who grew to maturity. One little girl died on the way over the Mts. to Ky. Joseph Peck had a son named George who had twelve children who reached maturity. My mother was one of Geroges children. Now the famile made a rather interesting part of the U.S.A. so I figured that we should have a genealogy of it. I could see no other person who might be called upon to write the story, so I took it upon myself to write the history. I worked ten years trying to get the whole unadulterated truth of the situation. I evidently missed a turn on the family of William Chapman. I find that they live all over the U.S.A. and are very difficult to locate. I found that William married Elizabeth Burgess, the only daughter of Ned Burgess, in Montgomery Co. Va. July 27, 1787. For some unknown reason I had it that they were married much later. I had it that William was born on that date. That balled me up a wee. When the offspring saw what I had written they were dissatisfied with my book and I was "in bad".

I wish to mention that Montgomery Co. Va. became part of Giles Co. Later. So, the history of Giles Co. had none of that history, and the present Montgomery had none of the Giles Co. records. For that reason I got it all wrong. I understand that you are a descendant of William Chapman. Maybe you know what I am trying to find. I have searched the records until my eyes were sore and found nothing about it. My book went over nicely until I raised the price of it, then it went wrong. I sold the first edition and then there were several of the kinfolk who were very anxious to have a copy of the book. I had none to give them. Cebert Chapman rove in to see me one day and announced that he would like a copy of the book and also thought that he could sell several to his kin. He persuaded me to hav another edition of the book printed and he would go partners with me on the dael. So, I went to work and had 230 neww books printed. I corrected some of the errors I had in the first copy. The others who have an interest in the book says that we should ask more maoney for the new edition. I wrote the book in the first place for the benefit of the relatives. I sold it at cost to me, and gave away most of them. I think the book is worth reading and worth the fact that is is a history of the old families, their origin and their place of birth, etc.

and

etc.

I need to get some writing paper which might look like I am more important than I really am. My daughter just called me on the phone and gave me some info. She was in college when I finished the writing of the book. She is a PhD now and has a very good job with the old Blind Uncle Sam. The President is cutting down on the number of the Govt. employees. She is not scared of her job, but she may be sent to some other station. Her husband has a Good Govt Job too, and they both work for the same Govt organization. I went through that same reorganization while I worked for the Old Blind Unc. I was dethroned three times when I held a good paying job each time. It is my judgement that the Govt. is not the most dependable place to work when a political blow up occurs.

Now I should be pleased to hear from you again and I also wish that you would give me the names of the persons who are descendants of William Chapman. I need the names, the dates of birth, the names of the girls (or men) whom they married, the dates of marriage and what they did after they settled down to make a living for themselves. Now, If I had all of that data I could correct teh book and make it more desirable to the coming generation. I did not write the book for the cash it might bring in, but I wanted to have the kinfolk know more about their forefathers. Most of people do not even know the names of their Great grandfathers. I ddd not know mine when I started on the book. I found that some of the folks who had written on the genealogy of the same names as I did, that there is a discrepency and no one likes to give in. I worked on the records until I was sure that I was correct and then stood by my guns. There are many cāhpman in the world, and they came on different boats and ~~settled~~ in different localities. There is a genealogy written by a man from Conn. another by a man who lives in Denver, Colo. another one by a gal who lived in Arlington Va. We all differ on some unimportant parts. There is a man in Cal. wh has been here twice to see me about his generalogy of his folks. ~~I have bought books and sent them to him,~~ still he and his kin ~~am~~ Oregon argue that I am wrong, even after I send them copies of the records.

You can see why it is so difficult to write a genealogy. Some of the folks will not be satisfied with the records. You cannot go back too far because people did not have christian names until about the year 1000 or later. Chapman means Cheapman, one who carries his goods on his back and sells from door to ~~ap~~or, in other worde a peddlar. Then we have the names of Overhill. Underwood, and all these name which end in Hame. which are taken from the Scotch meaning home.

The name Roberts was derived from the name Bert, an anglo saxon word meaning the mayor or the ruler of the parish. He was the man who settled the land lines for the Borough or community. He carried a rod 16½ feet long to do the measureing with. The people called him the Rod-bert which was gradually blended into Robert, and later when his son came along the folks caled the boy Roberts. *son of Robert*

I have written about all you can dissolve at one sitting, so I must call this off for the present. I think I have a copy of the letter you sent to Cebert. I got your name from that letter. There are parts of the letter which I can not understand. The ages of the whildren do not all jibe up from some cause or other. I should be glad for you to straighten me out of that

Please let me hear from you again. I enjoy your letters.

G.B.R.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

G.B.Roberts

2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, 9, D.C. 20009
Jan 21, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Scholz:-

I received your very nice letter yesterday and it had more data on the Chapman clan than I ever saw before on any letter, or in any book. Now I wish to tell you that I have worked at lesst 5 years on the Chapman plan, and I have never seen so much data in any one letter. The thing you did not tell me was that you are a member of the Chapman Clan. I am anxious to find out who were the children of William Chapman family. I was born about 4 miles from the old home of William Chapman, and I knew many of the folks you mention I left there when I was ten years old and did not go back there for more than 40 years. I was employed in Charleston, W.Va. for about four years, and during that time I went over to Louisa several times and visited the folks there. I had not then decided to write the genealogy. I became envolved in business with Mr. Sammons whose home was in Louisa, Ky. I went to Louisa with him several times and got quite a lot of data on those trips.

Forest Sammons (dead now) was employed at the U.S. Govt Armor Plate Plant where I worked, and we got well acquainted and it gave me the idea to write the genealogy of the kinfolk while I was around there. I should like to know the names of William's children, the names and the dates of their births and the names and dates of the folks whom they married, etc. All I could find in the records were the children named Andrew and William. They both married McClure sisters.

I have a very good history of the McClures, After I had finished my book and it was distributed far and wide I began to get complaints that I had left out several of the children. No one could tell me the names I had omitted. I have been there and know where they lived. They lived at what is called the Gavitts place. I have been to the Gavitts place and it is called the Gavitts Shoals. There is a shallow place in the Levisa River (Big Sandy) where the old timers forded the River on horse back. I was there once with my father when he crossed the River there with a couple of horses. I was not on the old William Chapman farm, but I was there and saw it.

Now gettine bach a wee to Giles Co. Va. Montgomery Co was the land across the New River from Giles, but in 1806 that part of Montgomery Co. was taken by Giles. That balls us up a bit. William Chapman was living in Montgomery Co. and was married there, but I did not find out anything about his cahldren who were born before 1806. William went over to Ky. about 1808, possible a little later. Most of the children mentioned by you were born in Montgomery Co. I have searched the records for that data but have not yet found it. I did find that William married July 27, 1787. His two younger sons were born in Giles Co. Va. Andrew was born in 1803 and William was born in 1804. They were youngsters when William mover to Ky. The other members of the William Chapman family were born in Montgomery Co. Va. It is a question where they were married. I have a copy of the marriagein Lawrence Co. Ky. which I am mailing to you. It is not 100% complete but I can get the rest of them when I get down to the DAR Library.

I think we can get all of this straightened out if we try hard. I have access to three libraries and will go and study in them when it eases this snow away, The winter is hitting us pretty hard right now. I want to tell you that I have had printed two editions of my book. The first went pretty well as long as they lasted. I got many compliments from several large libraries over the world. I got one nice compliment from the London Library in England. After you learn

how to use the book. The names are numbered in the index instead of the page No. You can see how it is done after a little thought and after you read the instructions in the front of the book.

I had 2010 volumes printed and they sold quite quickly. I did not charge as much as I am asking for this model. You see I wrote the book mostly for my kinfolk. They decided that I am a rich man so I should donate them to my cousins and others. Well that runs out finally., so I decided to sell these for a small profit. It takes a lot of work to get out a book like this one. I worked and typed the book three times, as poor a typist as I typing that book three times is jus a lot of work for me. Of course the search is the biggest job and requires the longest time.

Now, what I am leading up to is the fact that I shall lend you a copy of my book if you will not tell that I gave it to you. For that reason I shall LEND the book to you. You keep it until I call for it. I am sure that you will find something in it worth while to you. That item on page 221, No. 1393 you will know what to do with that.

You mention that all of William's children were born in Giles Co. Va. Now when you think that that part of Giles Co. was Montgomery Co. you may have a hemorage, but there is no cure for it.

I do not have the stamps to mail the book tonight, but will try to get it off tomorrow. That is the day when Johnson is made to take the oath of allegiance to fo the right slant toward the Presidency. I will like to see that on TV. It is too snowy for me to go down there with my car. Besides I want to tell you that I have a birthday this month. I will be 85 if I make it.

I have not told you a thing about my family, but that is all in the book. My No. is 160. You will find the rest of the family in there. My daughter is a PhD. and has a good job with the Old Blind Unc. at more than \$12,000 per year. She is off for San Francisco tomorrow. She goes out there quite often. We lived near Portland, Oregon for 27 years.

Now take it easy and write me a letter as soon as you can. I would like to get your idea on my offering you the lone of my book. There is some secret about it which I am not telling just yet.

Must close now and get ready for nappers house. It is after 9:00 P.M. now. I like to get the news about the weather every night before I crawl into my bunk.

Sincerely yours with best wishes.

G.B.R.

G.B. Ronerts.

2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, 9, D.C. 20009
Jan 30, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Conrad Scholz:

Thanks for the nice letter you sent to me in which you complimented me on writing that book, Genealogy of Joseph Peck and Some Related Families. I honestly did my best on that book and spent years trying to write it in a fair and truthful manner. It was my honest intention to write a true report of the kinfolk. I did not know them all, due to the fact that I was not reared with them. I spent most of my younger life in the State of Wash. and went to school at the U of W. I went to school at the U of W. for nearly ten years. I went back and took a post graduate course in Engineering after I had been out in practical life for eight years. I wanted to tell my history, but I did not mean to rub it on and make folks think I was telling an untruth, or bragging. I never got as far as I hoped to get, yfough I did more than the boys who stayed off the farms. I later took a post grad course in Carnegie School of Technology in Pittsburgh. I have lived all over the USA. and held pretty good jobs.

When my daughter came, my wife and I made strong resolutions to give her a college education, which we did. She holds four degrees in universities. She taught is grammar school, in High School and College. She was a Lt. Commander in the Navy Waves. She has travelled over most of the earth. She and her husband came down to our house yesterday and took me and my wife out to birth-day dinner and gave me a beautiful wrist watch. My daughter has been very liberal with us and does not like to be away from us at very long intervals. She lives about one mile from us here in D.C. We are trying to get them to buy an apartment in the same building where we live. They are about in a notion to buy an apartment in the Ontario Apt. Bldg. where we live. I am anxious to have them come here. It is a nice place, stone and brick Bldg. with 120 Apts. Our place has six rooms and front view with high ceilings, etc. We like a Co-op. We owned one back in the 20's, June and Douglas both work for the Old Blind Uncle and both draw big salaries. Both draw more than \$1000 per month, each. They have just returned from a month's trip to the Andes Mts, in South America. They do a lot of sight seeing. Last year they went to Greece and looked over those old relics.

I do not know anything about you nor where you came from. I wish you would tell me enough about your kinfolks so I will kno wh are your ancestors. I feel certain that you are a member of the Chapman family. I worked for at least five years trying to find something about the Chapmans. They have kin all over the world. They come from an old family in Europe. You know that people did not have Christian names until about the year of 1,000. The names come from the fathers who had children named for him, called son. Robert had a family called Robertson and Roberts. The S stands for son. We all came from down around the Black Sea, or Egypt, Greece, or some of those old countries. There are a lot of English names and French names. The French who went to England took on different nomenclature.

Now, I am sure in my own mind that you are a descendant of one of the Chapman clan. You are probably a sister, or at least a cousin of Ceebee Chapman. He lives in Cal. There are some others who live in Cal. who are related to you. I figure that I have at least one million folks who are my kin in the U.S.A. The kinfolk multiply very fast down on the Big Sandy River in Ky. Then we have many kinfolk in the State of Wash. and Oregon, and Cal. I know several of the McClure clan who live in New Mexico and many who live in Tex.

It has been snowing here all day until late this afternoon. It now seems to be clear. The sun came out a short time ago and the snow stopped. I want to tell you all I can about the kinfolk and get as much from you as I can. I have written hundreds of letters about this subject, most of which got no answers. I wrote the book especially for the kinfolk. They wanted some one to write it and pass it around free. Well that is too much for a poor boy of my commercial circumstances. I have given away many copies for which I feel very glad. I wrote the first edition and gave away most of them, finally I got out of books and the requests still came in. Then I had the second edition printed by the Edwards Bros. of Ann Arbor, Mich, who are considered the best reproduction printers of Genealogies in America. They wanted their cash and I gave it to them. Now I have to sell what I have or go broke. I am too old to regain my fortune in any other way. I still give away many of the books. If a person does me a real good favor I am willing to dig up a book or two.

I did not give you that copy because I thought you are too poor to buy one. You have helped me in several ways and I expect more help from you. Please do not think I am trying to fulfill my cares for the deprived, but just try to see why I sent you that book. I do not want the world to know that I gave you the book, that is the reason that I said I would lend the book to you. For my sake just consider the book is borrowed and that you expect to return it to me when I need it or when I ask for it.

I think this will be enough for this time. I love to read your nice letters and hope to see more of them. I do hope that I can be of service to you in this genealogy. I have spent many days and even years trying to ferret the info out for the kin and other friends.

I wish to thank you for your favors and wish you the best of everything.

Sincerely yours.

G.B.R.

G.B. Roberts.

2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
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Feb. 10, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Scholz:

I must compliment you on your good work in Genealogy. Your letter shows a lot of good hard work and study on the subject. I have worked on this subject long enough to know that you did not get all of those facts without a lot of hard work.

Look at page 217 in my book and you will find that John Chapmanmy ancestor, and William your ancestor were brothers, both the sons of Isaac. Now, on page 213 the book shows that John , not my ancestor) was a son of Isaac. What I am trying to dig out is the fact that John and Richard were brothers and sons of Isaac. Now Isaac married Sarah Cole. The Cole family were High Born folk. They were of the Royalty. I have a book here which gives a lot of data on the Coles, as well as the Chapmans. That book is called the A,B,C, book and it sells for \$10.00 per copy. I bought a copy for Ceebert and he has it safely stored. I could get a copy for you if you wish. I also have a copy of Johnston's History of Middle New River. I sent that book over the face of the U.S.A. It is out of print now. I bought a second hand book. It has a statement or two which does not agree with my findings. The ABC book has a statement which I can not prove by the records.

We have three valuable libraries here in which you can work and get the data if you have time to get here and study them. I am giving you an advance notice that you can stay here at our house for a week or so while you find all the history in all of these libraries. We have a nice spare room with a good bed which you may occupy and help the wife do a wee of cooking and I can run you down to the libraries where you can fill up and write a fine genealogy. The DAR Library costs \$10.00 (One dollar per day for study. The Govt Libraries cost about 50¢ per day for car fare there and back. We also have a big City Library, and several smaller varieties for a restful moment or two. The Govt. Libraries have all the data a person needs if he has time to ferret it out.

You can finish up your Genealogy and make a few dollars on the finished book if you wish to advertise it enough. I had the first edition printed and sold very nicely. Then Ceebert hove in and wanted a copy. Well, I did not have a copy to spare. He wanted to go into partners with me and have another edition printed. I was willing so we formed a horrid partnership and I had another 230 volumes printed. The price was set at \$15.00 per copy and that was over the heads of my poor relations. So I have about 200 copies left. I gave Ceebert a dozen copies and promised him more if he sold what he started with. He was back here again and you know that I forgot to give him more books. Now when he wants more I shall have to send them to him by mail at 25¢ per copy.

I promised myself that I would go down to the library this afternoon and do some library work today. You know that I do not feel like tearing into work like I did when I was your age. I have worked on this job so long that I feel like resting a wee.

My wife wants me to help her keep the Apt clean and do odd jobs about. I never did like to do house work, but I did into it occasionally. We hire a colored maid occasionally and have to pay her \$10.00 per day plus carfare and dinner. My daughter has a maid every week, but she gets a good pay check monthly. She is in San Francisco now and will be there for another week.

We have been having some very cold weather for D.C. The real coldest day I have seen here was 7 degrees above zero. I know that Michigan has much colder weather than that. We always look at the TV each night and see what the weather is all over the USA. Where I lived in Seattle it is usually about 45 degrees and either foggy or raining. It rains a lot of hours there but not such heavy rains. The average rain fall is 33 inches, That is almost a desert, but we used to get terribly disgusted about the long rains. Sometimes it would rain for several weeks without a let-up/. But the grass grew tall and the trees were big and tall.

I shall try to get down to the library tomorrow and see if I can fit out that family which you mentioned. I have hunted long and hard for the missing links, but never a one did I find. I shall write out the names on the schedule and send you a copy so we can both be contented with them. You know I was born only a few miles from the home of William Chapman. I knew the children of Harry McClure who lived right near that place, but I do not recall ever having seen any member of the William Chapman family. That good old Levisa River ran down there I am sure. The River was known as the Big Sandy. I never knew that it was not the Big Sandy until many years after I left there. I was driving through Pikeville once and decided to ask a man on the street which was it was to the Levisa River. He twisted a bit and told me that that was a stream up in the mountains. He had never seen it. I said then do you know where the Big Sandy is? He responded immediately that it was right over there about a city block. I went over and took a look at it. The River is about 100 feet wide and is the head of navigation. The push boats get up there and not much farther. It did not compare with the Columbia River where I had fished and boated and worked on big ships. My nephew is a steam boat captain on the big tramp steamers which come up the River from Astoria to Portland. The boats have to have a local captain when they come into the Mouth of the Columbia, on the way to Portland. My two sisters live in Portland.

It is about time for me to close this paper and talk more on the subject of genealogy. I want to compliment you on your hand writing. There are very few folks who write so nicely as you do. Your letters look like an old hand has written them. I never took lessons in writing, and my type-writing is very amateurish. I think I told you that I wrote my book three times before I had it ready to send to the printers. You see if I made a bad statement on the numbering it spoiled the whole series of numbers. The only correction means renumbering the whole book. My daughter is a professional typist when she has to do that kind of work. Her Doctorate is in Psychology. She is employed by the Old Blind Uncle Sam (USA).

I shall try to do better next time. I have been bothered by the cold spell this day, but that will go away soon. I hope I may be able to help you a bit ere it is too late.

Wishing you and your husband a very merry and prosperous year.

MBR

From the Roberts Clan, sincerely.

2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, 9, D.C. 20009.
Feb. 24, 1965.

Mrs and Mr. Conrad Scholz-

Dear Cousins:

I received a letter from Cebert Chapman a few days ago and must answer it while I am in this session of writing. I do not have much to put into a letter this time, but will say I have spent several days in the Cong. library trying to find the names omitted by me in my book. I should like to say that I found all of the names you mentioned regarding William Chapmans daughters etc. Now I found that all but one gal and the two younger sons were born outside of Giles Co. Va.

You have Dicey married on Feb. 17, 1817 to James Marcum. My record states that they were married on Feb. 19, 1817. Most of the gals were married in Montgomery Co. Va. You did a fine job to get the records of the family as you did. I did not find them. One thing I did not tell you and that is the history of Johnson Co. Ky. written by Hall. I found some bad errors in his first volume so I laid the book away and did not consult it again. Hall is a very fine man I have been told. He is working here in the Pentagon now with a very good job. I wrote him and he advised me not to spend too much time on a genealogy because no one except your relatives would care to read it. He was right about that, but the errors are still there in his book. I had the same experience with the book written on Borden Family. So I did not take any data from that book either. My cousin John Kelly, who helped me a lot, told me that the gal who wrote the story of the Borden family was very accurate and reliable.

I tried to write only the proven facts in my book, consequently I missed a few twicks which I could have included. Now I received a letter from Cebert and he told me that he had a letter from you. Well I will tell you what I had in mind when I said I would lend you a copy of my book. I want to say that if you ever buy a copy of it you will buy it from Cebert. You are in his territory so he is the salesman for you. I lent you a copy of the book because I wanted you to see what is in the book. You came back with a very fine expose' of your family. You found data which I did not have.

I shall write Cebert and tell him that I lent you a copy of my book. You probably have already told him that you have the copy.

I was out to a Washington's birthday meeting of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. We had a great crowd of brethren and sisters there. I got engaged in a conversation of Genealogy. The others thought I must be sort of a hero. Well I was in a Homecoming of the Kinfolk down in Ky. last year and I was called on for a speech, and referred to as a hero. That was all new to me. I have never done much to be heroized for.

Please do not lose my address and my name. I may want some more data from you some time. I hope you can come to D.C. and study a while for your genealogy. It is interesting but slow game. --- My daughter has returned home from a few weeks in Frisco. She says she will have to go back again for a few weeks soon. My sisters in Portland, Oregon always want her to come up there while she is in the West. She was born out there.

With best wishes to both of you from your friend.
G.B.Roberts

Keep my book until I send for it JBR

RAINBOW TROUT

2853 Ontario Rd. N.W.
Washington, 9, D.C. 20009
March 4, 1965.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Scholz.

I surely appreciate the nice letters which you send to me. Most of my correspondents do not write more than one or two short epistles and call it a day. I could have written my book in half the time which I struggled over it if my kinfolk had answered my letters. The most I got from them was a suggestion or a bit of criticism. All books have spots where the actual facts are not shown as they are meant to be, or that then best info has been overlooked.

I have started to dig in some more and straighten out what I have missed, I acknowledge that it is almost impossible ^{to keep} the whole picture straight, or otherwise, for all the folks who are related in a slight way to the writer. I did not intend to include the folks who are so far fetched that we never did hear the names nor even know they existed. I wrote to the Post Master in several instances to find the address of the lost kin, and when I found their addresses The wrote me the names of many whom I had never heard of before. That is genealogy.

Now to get onto the subject of giving back the book I sent to you I shall say I did not intend for you to return the book at all. We have to be so careful about what we say, etc. I did not want Ceibert to know that I am trying to break into his territory. He sorty accused me of selling one book to his kin out in Cal, Lawsie me, I did not know that she was his kin. She found out that I had the book and she wanted a copy. I sent her a copy and charged her \$15.00 for it. I have had several letters from her since.

I have advertised the book the best I can and have sold copies to book stores all over the place. I sent one to London and one to Canada. I have sold them to libraries all over the world. I have advertised them in all the magazines that I thought might want to handle them. Every magazine co. which I write to about selling the books want me to send them a copy for show to customers and that is the last I hear from them. I have sold some to book shops in Boston and Baltimore. My English cousins want one each for their own use.

I had 204 copies made and they sold out very soon to my kin. They wrote me for more books and found that I was out of stock. Then Ceibert came to see me and we got into a deal. I was not intending to have any additional books printed, but he talked me into having more. So I agreed to do that. I had another 230 copies made and have most of them stored in my closets. I am in hopes that we can get rid of them some time. My daughter asks me to leave them stored in the house here so she can have them when I shove off. I figure that is good advice so that is what I am doing. I wrote to Seibert and told him to drive back here again and I would give him a load to take home in his car.

I realize that you are having some bad weather at your place of residence. I know something about that myself. I trudged to college in 41 inches of snow one semester. We lived a mile and a half from the college and the cold snow came to the greatest depth that the record has ever shown. There was not a car, not a horse drawn wagon nor a street car moving in the City of Seattle. The walkers had a nice trail made so we could walk in it. The weather was not cold, so I took off each morning for that walk to school. That was back in 1916-7. I was doing a post graduate course in school.

In 1894 we had ²⁴~~32~~ inches of snow which crippled all sorts of traffic at that time. We lived near the little old grammar school and I went every day with my sister and brother. We got through it with a lot of gusto. There were no autos then. We had horses and buggy, but we fed the horses and cows in the barn and called it fine. Those were the only big snows I have ever experienced. Of course I have seen deeper ones upon the snow capped Mts. of which I have seen many. The glaciers around the top of Mt. St. Helens and Rainier are quite thick. The ice does not melt all summer. There was a time when I liked to go up in that snow and ice. The snow melts after noon when the time comes for melting, The melted snow water fills the road and there is not travelling in some place until, the after noon. I do not long for that climate now. I would just love to fish and do a bit of hunting for the bear and deer. I did love to shoot wild ducks and geese also. I was a member of a club which shot the water fowl. The numbers of geese and ducks we killed is just out of all reason. It is no wonder that they are gone now. The grouse used to light on our wood-shed and I would get up early and shoot a few of them for breakfast. That did not happen very often.

qn I should keep off the hunting stories. They are all over now, I do go down to the Bay here and catch a lot of fish during the summer. I am a little out of that sport right now, during the winter. My daughter and her husband have a nice 28 foot boat with sails and an engine, which they wrestle with all summer. I have been down there with them several times. My daughter, June, spends quite a lot of her time in San Francisco working for the Old Uncle Sam. Her husband works for the same paymaster too, but his work keeps him here in D.C.?

I wish to thank you many, many times for the nice letters you have sent me, I hope you will keep that book I sent to you and say as little about it to our friends as possible, I have at least 200 copies stored here in our house. I wrote Ceibert about it and told him all he needs to know about it.

We are always glad to hear from you, so do not forget to write when you have some spare time. I am very glad to ask you more about the Kin.

Sincerely best wishes to you and your family.

Yours truly, G.B.Roberts

G.B.R.

2853 Ontario Rd.

Washington, D.C. Dec. 16, 1965. 20009.

Mrs. Conrad Scholz:-

I have just been looking over my old correspondence and found your letters which I have perused with no little interest. I think I sent you a copy of my Peck Genealogy. If I did not I shall be glad to send you a brand new copy. And I want to congratulate you for the valuable info which you sent in your letters. Few people will send so much details as you have furnished. Sometime I wish I had not started to write the book until I had more facts to include. I thought I had enough facts to fill a big book. But there are so much of this ancient stuff to include that I must get some borrowed facts.

I told you that I would check your statements in the records, which I did. I find that there was a big County in Va. which was cut up and made into several Counties, including Giles County. Our kin came from Giles, mostly, but that does not mean that Giles was the only Co. to be born in at the time. There was a large Co. which was chopped up into several Counties including Giles. That cutting proposition was in 1906. So that any one born after 1906 was not Giles. I got that statement crossed up. I mean that any one born before 1906 was not born in Giles Co. I have forgotten the name of the Co. but I can find it and will send it to you very soon. Now, I shall send you a lot of data so you can finish up your Genealogy and we shall all be fixed up properly.

I am trying to get my Xmas cards all finished before Christmas, so that my friends will not realize that I am a lazy wind-jammer. I shall finally get them caught up and look like a good business man.

If you do not know that writing a genealogy is a big job you will find it out before you get yours finished. It is a worth while job, but a big one and a long drawn out piece of work. I notice the data on the rich mans genealogy which were in the libraries here. Some of them costs as \$50.000 per job and sells at \$50.00 per copy. They are no more than I have in mine. In fact I have studied them for form in which to write mine. I also have folks writing me from England and all of the States in the U.S.A. for forms and manners in which to write. Well I did not know either, so I just sat down and figured the most simple form to get the data in the book. The Library of London wrote me a complimentary letter telling me that my book was the best arranged and most easily arranged book they had ever seen. Of course a person has to give it a little thought in order to find out the arrangements. I have an explanation in the first part of the book. If the reader does not have time to read the explanations, he may not be able to make it out. In fact many folks have written me for explanations

This is a Christmas card, so I shall stop the script and let you get the meat of this letter. Please do not forget to answer it in your own nice script. I have not been very well for a couple of weeks, so have been off the genealogy for a spell. I shall try to do better after I get to feeling better.

Sincerely yours for a Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. I have a lot more nice news I would like to tell you. Then you will realize why I do not stop this job and join a team to play.

Mr and Mrs. G.B. Roberts and June and Douglas.

MBR and Family

James Knox Polk Chapman was born in Lawrence County, Kentucky, April 1, 1849. He married in Lawrence County, Ky., June 28, 1874, to Frances Gertrude Virginia Coffman, who was born, February 14, 1856, in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her father was killed by a falling-corn-crib-door, sometime before she was born. She was raised by her grandmother Hughes, in Portsmouth, Ohio.

James and Frances Chapman lived, after they were married, in the Cumberland Mountains, where a son, Ezekiel Cumberland, was born, May 1, 1875. (Died August 1942.) Then in the spring of 1876, they moved to Edgar County, Ill., east and north (eight or nine miles) of Paris, Ill., not too far from Sugar Grove Church.

At this location, another son, George Revel Burgess, was born, Dec. 24, 1876. (Died April 26, 1954.) From this place, they moved five or six miles east to Vermillion County, Indiana. In a log cabin, on the McFall farm, about one mile north of a settlement called Jonestown, or about seven miles north west of Clinton, Ind., and worked for sometime for Mr. McFall. In this log cabin was born to them a daughter, Estella Jane, Feb. 23, 1878.

Then in the spring of 1879, McFall moved to the cross-roads in Jonestown, where he had a store. The Chapmans moved into his house (a two-story house), then in Sept. 10, 1879, a son, Charles Virgil, was born. (Died Dec. 8, 1936.)

On Dec. 26, 1881, another son was born, James Errett. (Died Feb. 18, 1935, he was struck by an automobile and killed.)

Born, a daughter, Chattie Sonora, in 1883. (Died 1891.)

" " son, Everett Olanzo, March 11, 1885. (Died May 3, 1961).

" " son, Claude Evan, April 30, 1887. (Died Jan. 15, 1937).

" " son, Wilburn Ray, 1889. (Died 1891).

For several years during the stay on this place, Chapman carried what they called a "Star Mail Route" - from Jonestown to Dana, Ind. During this time, Chapman had a horse, which some how got down in the barn and couldn't get up. In helping him up, the horse threw out his front foot on top of the instep of Chapman's foot, and got up on it, which caused him to have to go on crutches for eleven months, for which, with the older boys help, he continued to carry the Mail Route, and farmed besides.

Sometime soon after Ray was born, the Family moved to, about two miles east of Jonestown, close to Center Church. Here the children had to go to Jonestown to school, so they, with the children of a family by the name of James, who lived across the road, were taken in a wagon furnished one week by James, and the next week by Chapman.

About, Jan. 1891, the Family moved to a farm beside a stream called Brouldge Creek. This farm was called the "Baum place" - located about three miles south of Saint Bernice, Ind.

This place was quite low and was thought to be, more or less, the cause, partly at least, for the sickness that followed.

Here on this farm tragedy struck, all of the children, of which there were nine, took down with measles, and flux (a bowel ailment), from which, Chattie Sonora, eight years old, and Wilburn Ray, eighteen months old, passed on - each within two weeks of the other.

My Parents sat up many nights with all the rest of the children. When the crisis came with George, the doctor told Chapman, he would have to keep him awake until he came through, for if he went to sleep, he wouldn't wake up. At the same time, Chapman had all of his farm work, which had to be done.

On this place, Oct. 3, 1892, another son was born, Roy Jarred. (Died Dec. 29, 1944).

Then about Jan. 1895, the Family moved to a farm of eighty acres - nine miles east of Paris, Ill., about one half mile west of the Indiana state line, which would be one mile south of what now is Hwy. No. 163, or Clinton, Ind., and Paris, Ill., road. This place was rented for one year - here another son, Ceibert Brookshire Chapman, was born, Feb. 20, 1895. Then about Jan. 1896, the Family moved to the Wabash River Valley - east of Shepardsville, about five miles south of Clinton, Ind. On this place, a daughter, Sylvia Audrey Chapman, was born, Sept. 7, 1896. In this year, they raised a very good corn crop. In the spring of 1897, they planted another crop, and the Wabash River overflowed, and took the whole crop. In Jan. 1898, the Family went back to the farm they had rented in Ill., east of Paris, and bought the place from a clothing merchant in Paris, a Jew, whom Chapman always thought well of. At this place, Chapman carried another "Star Mail Route", for several years - from Vermillion, Ill., to Huffmanville, Ind., with his farming.

On this farm, Wilna Letha, was born, Nov. 15, 1900, and on Nov. 25, 1901, William Byron Chapman, was born.

The Family lived on this farm until 1912, then they had an auction sale. On the morning of October 8, 1912, Mother, Frances Gertrude, with Cebert, Sylvia and Byron left for Los Angeles, California. Wilna had gone on to California, in the spring, with Estella. James Knox went to Kentucky to make, which was his last visit to see his two youngest Sisters. Then in November 1912, he came on to Los Angeles, California.

Here they (the Family) made their home until James Knox Polk Chapman passed on with a stroke on July 12, 1918.

Frances Gertrude Virginia Coffman Chapman lived on until, Jan. 15, 1941.

Both are buried in Inglewood Cemetery, Inglewood, California.

In Edgar County, Ill., and Vermillion County, Ind., which adjoins in a radius of some thirty miles, were many relatives, - Uncles, Cousins -- McClure, Wellman, Andrews, Amermans, Burgesses, Staffords, Botners, Wootens, Lanes, and Piggs.

Copied from Mrs. Lucille Elizabeth
Kersey Sekulich

Long Beach, Calif.

"Letter received from Juanita W Bowman - 406-B North Area, Fort Meyer,
Arlington 11, Virginia, - Nov. 3, 1962, about Chapman Family to
Lucille E Sdkulich.

My Lewis Wellman b. 2 Sept. 1788 m 1811 Margaret Chapman.
His brother Joseph Wellman married Nancy Chapman. I just can not find
where in Virginia, they came from. The cenus says Va. I have
searched all of W. Va., along the Big Sandy and cannot find them.
Joseph and Nancy stayed in Lawrence County, Ky. Lewis and Margaret
went to Vermillion County, Ind., in 1830 with their children. I think
two are three more were born in Ind. I find Margaret living with a
son in 1850 in Vermillion. So I believe he died between 1840 and 1850.
She was not in 1860 census so probably died. Vermillion is with out
records. I believe James Chapman who went to Vermillion County, too,
was a cousin or a nephew to my Margaret - no proof. I have a cousin in
Chicago that knew this Chapman Family and always called them cousins. "

"William Chapman, wife Elizabeth Burgess.

" b. 1762 - died 1840 - married July 27, 1787.

Elizabeth b. 1766 - died 1863.

Jemima Chapman b. 1788. Married Thomas Short, July 12, 1809.

Margaret Chapman d, 1851. " Lewis Wellman, 1811. b. Sept. 2, ^{1788.} ~~1800.~~

Nancy Chapman " Joseph Wellman, March 20, 1809.

Sarah Chapman " Ezekiel Gavitts, Feb. 12, 1824.

Annie Chapman " George Sowards, Aug. 15, 1816.

Dacey Chapman " James Marcum, Feb. 19, 1817.

Andrew Chapman b. 1803. " Martha McClure, Feb. 17, 1828.

William Chapman b. 1805. " Polly McClure, Dec. 16, 1823.

All of William and Elizabeth Chapman's children were born in Giles County, Virginia, near Pearisburg.

I just discovered the one that wrote this excerpt from the letter, I have, is the same one you list in your letter - Juanita Bowman. I have given you all of the dates and other details I have.

➤ Roberts is going to check the records in Virginia, to see if he can find more detail on William's family. If I get anymore information from him, I will be glad to send it to you.

Yes, I remember the Andrews as Elsie - Vina-Ambros - Renie and Clyde, and George Andrews had a daughter, Sylvia, and my sister, Sylvia, was named for.

I, also; remember of your Father and the rest of them, after my sister, Stella, named them over. I was quite small when I used to see them.

If you will check it out, you will see that Margaret Chapman Wellman, was my Father's Aunt.

I am sending you an excerpt from Wm Ely's book. William McClure in this is listed as a son-in-law of William Chapman, which is an error, he was the son-in-law of George Chapman, who is a [REDACTED], - a double cousin of William. William McClure is a brother to my Grandmother, William's No. 2, wife.

The George Chapman mentioned in the article is my Father's oldest brother. I have probably got you so confused by this time that maybe you can't figure any of it out, I hope not.

As to where these folks are buried, I haven't been able to find any of them, except my Grandfather and Grandmother. They are buried in the Wooten Cemetery, about six miles south of Louisa, Ky. I tried to find where William and Elizabeth were buried, two years ago, but had no luck.

Margaret and Lewis must be buried some place in Vermillion County, Ind.

As to religion, the most of them, I think were Methodists. 'Politics', mostly Republicans. The older generations - some were Democrats, - this is rather hard to define.

I have told about all I can think of for now.

➤ I am sending you some information copied from George Braden Roberts' Book, which I have all ready mentioned. If I get anymore information on William, No. 1, I will be glad to send it to you.

With this, I will close.

Sincerely,

Cebert B. Chapman
Cebert B. Chapman

Cebert B. Chapman
3160 California Street
Huntington Park
California 90257.
February 16, 1965.

FEB-16-1965

Dear Mary:

Received your letter and was very pleased to hear from you. You write a very interesting letter, and I enjoy them very much. I have heard a great deal about your family, as a small boy, you have clarified the whole picture very well.

You mentioned Leslie Amerman, I remember him very well, and have probably seen him, as he was the same age as my oldest brother, Ezekiel, which would be 20 years older than I. Leslie, and my older brothers, and sister, went to school together - there must be some of your father's brothers, and sisters close to their ages.

You spoke of the Amerman house as being of brick. I have seen that house, and knew about it, but when I went through Jonestown, last Sept., I was looking for so many things, I forgot all about it. I did notice a frame house still standing on south of the road at the cross roads, the brick house was west of there a little ways.

You asked for Harry L. Dowdy's address - it is as follows: Route 3, Clinton, Indiana. Probably the same as your brother, John's, as he lives not too far west of Harry's place. Harry and I went past his place together when I was back there last Sept.

You asked if there is any 'History' in Roberts' Book about Margaret and Sally Abbott. They are mentioned and tells who they married is about all. If you want to look this up, I think you can find a 'book' in your Library - title of same, "History of the Middle New River Valley". It was written in 1906 by David E. Johnston. He is a grandson of David E. Johnston, who married Annie Abbott, she was a sister to Margaret and Sally Abbott. It gives a very good history of the Chapmans, Abbotts, Wilburns, and Frenches - and many other families and of Indian troubles in times of the American Revolution; also; on down to the Civil War. The author of the 'book' was an officer in the Confederate Army Captain, I think, I am not sure, anyway, he was an officer. Roberts has a copy of this book, I had it for awhile.

I am sending you one of Roberts' Books on the Peck and Chapman families. You can send me whatever you can afford - as I feel that I have received a lot of information from you that I have wanted for a long time. Maybe you will know of some one else that might want another one of Roberts' Books. This book (I am sending you) will be the last one I have, except my own, but Roberts has many more, so you can let me know, or write to him.

I wouldn't take a lot of money for the 'Book' I have, if I couldn't get another.

I think I told you that the only children of William and Elizabeth Burgess Chapman - Roberts had listed in his book were Andrew and William - William was my grandfather.

Well, I received a card and note from Roberts in December, and he told me he had found out why he could not find anymore. He said he received a letter from Jaunita Bowman, out in New Mexico, and he found that the family of William, No. 1, was born in Montgomery County, Virginia, but Gilles County was cut off in 1906, and the information he got was for the Census of 1910. Andrew was born in 1803, and William was born in 1805 - they were listed in the 1910 Census of Gilles County. The rest of the family was born before 1803, which would be in Montgomery County. Roberts told me he is trying to get that information for me. If, and when I get it I will send it onto you.

About the Burgess family. I have some information that I received from Lucille Elizabeth Kersey Sekulich, who is a fourth granddaughter of Jemima Chapman. She lives in Long Beach, Calif., and I think she got part of it from Jaunita Bowman. It is not too complete, but as soon as I can get some copies made of them, I will send them to you. It has been hard to get enough information to clarify it - Elizabeth Burgess' father was Edward Ned Burgess, and her mother was a Price. They owned land south of Louisa, Kentucky, adjoining Joseph Peck's and George and William Chapman's land.

You said that the area of Jonestown might be called St. Bernice. I don't think so, for that settlement is three or four miles west, and it was laid out in my time back there. I helped my brother, Everett built some houses there before we left that part of the country. I have written about all I can think of for now. Hope I haven't mixed this up so you can't understand it. Will close for this time.

Sincerely,
Cebert B. Chapman

December 27, 1964.

Dear Mary -

Received your letter, and I was very pleased to hear from you, and especially the 'Family record'. It checks with the information I got from my sister, Estella, but am happy to have all of the dates, which of course, she did not have all of them correct. You see my Father and Family from 1876 to 1889, lived around one half to a mile, north and a little west of William Jap Andrews' Family. James and Elizabeth Amerman lived just south and west of ~~William Jap~~ the cross roads - not too far from the Andrews - close to the Brethren Church.

My Father lived on the McFalls' farm, and McFalls had a store at the cross roads. I went through there last September (1964), and I saw that the Store Bldg. is gone. Also; several of the other houses are gone, too. It seems, the way it looks to me, that your Mother must be a sister to Dowdy and Dunkly wives, which would make you a cousin to Harry Dowdy. I, also; knew Orval Foncannon, and his son, Weslie, who is I believe must be related to you. It sure takes a lot of detail to hook these connections up.

You said you didn't know the Stafford family. John Stafford married Mary Gavitts, who's Mother, Sarah, was a sister to Margaret Chapman Wellman, - as you can check out in the material I sent you. Now they raised a family of two girls, and three boys. They lived south and a little west of Clay's Prairie, Ill., where John and Mary settled in the early days. One of these sons was John Stafford, and it is his children, who were raised very close to my Father's Family. John, No. 2, and my Father was about the same age, or close to it. John Stafford had one son named Commadore, - his widow lives in the same area. Their daughter, Ruth, married Robert Hale, who is a son of Clyde and Anna Dunkley Hale, so you can see how these families get all mixed up.

Now the Clay family is connected to Henry Clay, the statesman. His cousin, Patience Clay married George Chapman, who was a double cousin to William Chapman, No. 1. William's father and mother were Richard and Margaret Abbott Chapman, and George's were John and Sally Abbott Chapman.

Another interesting thing I learned, I think it was last year, was that one of Henry Clay's (the statesman) sons, hit the liquor pretty hard, so Henry took him to Ill., and set him up there on a farm. That's where the locality got it's name - Clay's Prairie.

The Peck family comes in through George and Patience Clay Chapman branch. Joseph Peck married Elizabeth Chapman, and she was a daughter of theirs. Peck's son, George C. Peck, married Emily Stafford, who is a sister of the first John Stafford, I mentioned. George C. and Emily Stafford Peck are the grand-parents of George Braden Roberts, who wrote the book.

There was a Columbus Botner, who lived about two miles east of the cross roads, I mentioned. By the way, this settlement, at that time was called Jonestown - don't know whether it still is. This Botner's Mother, was Jane Stafford, who was also a sister of John Stafford, No. 1.

The history of the six generations of The Chapmans', has all been compiled by George Braden Roberts. Roberts told me personally, that he had documented evidence to back up everything he has stated in his book, except possible errors of dates, and generations, which might be a miss print.

I got interested in this book, when my wife, Ethel, and I went through Louisa, Ky., in October 1959. From my Father's talk, I knew his Family was connected very closely to the American Revolution, so I visited David Chapman, in Chapman, Ky., which is about fifteen miles south of Louisa, Ky. He is a cousin of Roberts, and he showed me the book. I wrote to Roberts - he had none of the books left. He tried to locate one for me, but had no luck. Lots of people had them, but were reluctant to let them out, so three years ago, my wife, and I went to Washington, D. C., where Roberts lives, so we looked him up. He said he had some notion of having some more books printed, but he is in his eighties, so I suggested that I would go in with him, so he went ahead, but the cost was so much greater than the first issue. It brought the cost to \$15.00 each, plus postage, which I know is pretty high, but to me it is well worth it, so if you want one, I have one here, which I can send you. Roberts has quite a number left, so if you should know of any one else that might want one, they are available.

You spoke about Sugar Grove Cemetery - I was ~~there~~ when I was back there in Sept., 1964. I saw William J., and Amanda Andrews' graves, and Nolans' graves, but I didn't know too much about connections of others.

I have a brother, Ray, and sister, Sonora, buried there in 1891, but markers are all gone, and all other signs. I know exactly where they should be, but so signs of the graves. I have never been to the other cemeteries you spoke of.

My Mother was born, Frances Gertrude Virginia Coffman ~~Chapman~~, on Feb. 14, 1856, in what is now Fayette County, West Virginia. A short time before she was born, her father was killed by a falling-corn-crib-door. She was raised by her grand-mother, Hughes, in Portsmouth, Ohio. Mother died Jan. 15, 1941.

My Father, James Knox Polk Chapman, died July 12, 1918. He was born in Lawrence County, Ky., April 1, 1849.

I was born in Illinois, Cebert Brookshire Chapman, Feb. 20, 1895.

My wife, Ethel Moote Chapman, was born June 14, 1896.

We have one son, Bernard Cebert Chapman, born in California, Feb. 19, 1923. He married Margaret Carolyn Nielsen Chapman. They live in Lynwood, California, or south of us five, or six miles.

You need not send the copy of Lucille S - 's back.

I want to thank you again for the chart you sent me on your families. I am very happy to have it.

I am enclosing a copy of the 'history' of my Father and Mother - from the time they were married - a good portion of it was gained from my sister, Estella. She will be eighty-seven on her next birthday - Feb. 23, 1965.

With this I will close for this time.

Sincerely,

Cebert B. Chapman
Cebert B. Chapman

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Grandparents of Cebert Chapman, also his
Aunts, Uncles, Father, Mother, Sisters, Brothers, Wife &
children.

William Chapman b. 1804 in Giles Co., Va.;
m. Dec. 16, 1823, Polly M^cClure, of Lawrence,
Co., Kentucky. The 1850 Census for Lawrence
County shows the following data:

William 46; Mary 44; George R. 20;
Elizabeth 18; Eleanor 16; Sarah 14; Mary 12;
Ezekiel 9; Thomas 6; Wilburn 4; James 1.

James Knox Polk Chapman b. 4-1-1849 in
Lawrence Co., Ky. m. 6-28-1874 Frances Gertrude
Virginia Coffman b. 2-14-1856 in Fayette Co., W. Va.
Children: Ezekiel b. 5-1-1875 - d. 8-1942.

(2) George b. 12-24-1876 - d. 4-26-54

(3) Estella b. 2-23-1878

(4) Charles b. 9-10-1879. d. 12-8-1936

Struck by a
car and killed - (5) James b. 12-26-1881. d. 2-18-1935.

(6) Everett b. 3-11-1885 - d. 5-3-1961.

(7) Claude b. 4-30-1887. d. 1-15-1937.

(8) Wilburn b. 1889. d. 1891.

(9) Chattie Sonora b. 1883. d. 1891.

(10) Roy b. 10-3-1892. d. 12-29-1944.

(11) Cebert b. 2-20-1895.

(12) Sylvia b. 9-7-1896

(13) Wilna b. 11-15-1900.

(14) William b. 11-25-1901.

Margaret Abbott, (daug. of Richard ~~and~~ Richard Chapman
Sallie " (" " ") m. John "
Annie " (" " ") m. David Johnston
Rev. James " son " Baptist Minister
Their father - Richard Abbott of
Culpepper Co., Va.

John Chapman b. 1740 m. Sallie Abbott and
his brother Richard m. Margaret Abbott, daughters
of Richard Abbott of Culpepper County, Va.
David Johnston, the ancestor of the New River
Johnstons, m. Annie Abbott, sister of Sallie and
Margaret. Rev. James Abbott, a Baptist
minister, and brother of the sisters, settled
in Giles County.

Taken from H. B. Roberts book "Genealogy of Peck Family and Some Related Families."

PAGE 207. The first Chapman of record in Charles County, Md., was Thomas Chapman from Elizabeth River, Va. Elizabeth River is part of an estuary branching off from the James River and is located in what is now Norfolk. A small river flows into this estuary.

Lists of Emigrants to America 1600-1700 by J. C. Hotten shows a list of families living at Jordens Journey, Va., Feb 16, 1623, including Thomas Chapman, wife and children, p. 171.

Same reference, p. 212, shows muster of Thomas Chapman, Jordens Journey, Charles City, Va., 1622.

Thomas Chapman arrived in the "Tryall" 1610.

Ann his wife, in the "George", 1617. Thomas, his son, aged two years. Ann, their daughter, aged six weeks. (Note: Thomas was two years old in Feb. 1622. He was probably born in 1619.)

Same ref. p. 274, shows that Thomas Chapman was granted 100 acres of land by patent, on the south side of the Maine River against Elizabeth City. (Note: The only river that seems to fit this description is the James River. If this assumption is correct, then the land patented by Thomas Chapman was on the south side of the James River, which would put it in what is now Norfolk, on the Elizabeth River.)

Va. Mag., Vol. 12 p. 175, states: Capt. Robert Smallay of Bermuda Hundred, in will

dated Dec. 19, 1617, among others, To my man Thomas Chapman fifty weight best Tobaccos.

This is all we know about Thomas Chapman I. We believe he settled on Elizabeth River and reared a family. His son Thomas II, went from Elizabeth River to Charles County, Md., about 1661, as we shall show.

Thomas Chapman III was born about 1641 or 2, on Elizabeth River, Va., and was living in Charles County, Maryland in 1663. He was 21-2 years of age at the time and according to the record, was living with William Lee, a merchant and trader at Port Tobacco. Thomas married about 1689, Elizabeth Crapon and had two children, Thomas, Jr. and Mary. He bought a farm on Matawoman Creek in 1695, according to the Charles Co. deed book I, p. 94, in the County Clerks Office. Apparently his wife died shortly after the purchase of land in 1695, and he went to Stafford County, Va., where he purchased another farm and sold the land he had in Charles County, Maryland.

Maryland Genealogical Bulletin, Vol. 1, p. 28, states; Thomas Chapman, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, of Nanjemoy, born.

March 26, 1690. Mary Chapman, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, of Nanjemoy, born August 19, 1693. Thomas Chapman was about 46-7 years old when he married Elizabeth Crason. This may have been his second marriage.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Crason, of Charles Co., Md., and his wife Ann.

Md. Arch., Vol. 53, p. 618. Thomas Crason was pressed into service to fight the Indians. He and others mentioned were carpenters and had no crops. They were paid 1200 pounds of tobacco for the service, 1665.

The Chapman mill was located on Mill Creek which flows into Aron River. Thomas Crason no doubt, built the mill and did other carpenter work in the vicinity, probably building small boats and dwelling houses.

Md. Calendar of Wills by Jane Baldwin, Vol. 3, p. 23. - Will of Thomas Crason, Charles Co., Md. dated Aug. 27, 1694, probated Dec. 31, 1702. To sons Thomas and John jointly, and their heirs, 150 acres "Field Close". To Edward and Ann, eldest children of Edward Till; to Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Chapman, and Mary, daughter of said Thomas Chapman,

personality.
~~personality~~ Wife Ann Extr.

Ref: Md. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.,
 Liber 2, p. 94. - Thomas Chapman, Charles County,
 Md., S. S. This indenture made y^e thirtieth
 day of September y^e yeare of our Lord one
 thousand six hundred and ninety five. Between
 John Parker of Charles County, planter and
 Ann his wife of y^e one part and Thomas
 Chapman of Stafford County, planter of the
 other part. Witnesseth that y^e said John
 Parker and Ann his wife for and in
 consideration of y^e full and just sum of
 four thousand seven hundred pounds of
 good merchantable leaf tobacco in cash to
 them paid by y^e said Thomas Chapman
 before y^e enrolling and delivery of a tract
 of land called Saturday of Work lying in
 Charles County and containing 263 acres
 more or less.

Same Ref: On June 15, 1695, Thomas
 Chapman was a resident of Charles County
 Md. and authorized Edward Till (his
 brother in law) to act as his attorney.

From the above citations it
 is noted that Thomas Chapman was a
 resident of Charles County in June 1695, and
 in September, 1695, he was a resident of

of Stafford County, Va. It is therefore assumed that he moved from Charles Co., Md. to Stafford County, Va., between June and September 1695. His wife was not mentioned in these transactions, therefore, it is believed that she died about the first part of 1695.

The records in the Clerks Office in the Orange County Court House, Orange Co., Va., the following appraisement of the personal property of Isaac Chapman, son of Thomas IV.

In obedience to the order of Orange County for the appraisement of the estate of Isaac Chapman deceased. Subscribers met at ye late dwelling house of the said Chapman and appraised ye said estate as it was presented to our view, viz: 3 young hogs; one gun; a parcel of old bed clothes; a parcel of wooden ware; 4 hoes one ax and one hatchet; 2 iron pots and one pan; 4 old spoons and two bells; 2 old wheals; one saddle; 10 head of cattle; one mair; one young horse; one young mair; one bell; one plow hoe eye. 18 pounds, 4s, and 6 pence. - This appraisement returned to Orange County the 28th day of May 1747, and ordered to be recorded.

John Nichols Cl. Cor.

We do not know whether Isaac lived in the area which is now Culpepper County or in what is still Orange County. The records seem to indicate it was Culpepper County. He evidently owned land for the pasture of his cattle and horses, but we have been unable to find any record of his land holding.

As a matter of record we wish to make clear the date several of the Virginia Counties were created. Stafford County was created 1664; Spotsylvania Co. 1720 from Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties; Orange County was created from Spotsylvania in 1734; Culpepper County was cut off from Orange in 1748. The records shown in Orange County before 1748 may well be in Culpepper County after that date. Isaac Chapman died in Orange County in 1746-7, which may possibly have been in the area now covered by Culpepper County.

The children of Isaac Chapman and Sarah Cole were Isaac born before 1740, John born 1740, Richard born ca. 1742 and Jemimah born ca. 1745-6.

Isaac Chapman b. ~~to~~ before 1740, settled in Alabama where his descendants still reside. His grandson, Hon. Reuben

Chapman was a member of Congress from Alabama in 1841.

John b. in Orange County (now Culpepper) in 1740; d. 1813 in Giles Co. Va. Mrs. Sallie Abbott Johnston, in his history of the Middle New River ~~the~~ Settlements, p. 390, states; "In November 1768, John Chapman, Richard Chapman and Moredock O. McKensy removed from Culpepper County to the Shenandoah, in the Valley of Virginia, and from thence, in 1771, came to the New River Valley and settled at the mouth of Walker's Creek, where John Chapman had two dwelling houses destroyed by the Indians; his family being forced to flee to the Snidow Fort for protection."

Those desiring more data on John Chapman may find many items in Annals of S-W Va., by Summers; Montgomery County. Revolutionary War Index, W. Va. and Will Book "A", p 113, Giles County, Va.

John and Sallie Abbott Chapman's children were Isaac, John, Henley, Sally, Nannie, Jemimah and George. George married Patience Clay.

Jemimah Chapman b. ca. 1745-6, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Cole Chapman, m. Moredock M^cKensey. They first settled on Walker's Creek and later removed to Wolf Creek.

Shortly after their removal to Wolf Creek the family was attacked by the Indians while Mr M^cKensey and his elder son were away from the house. The Indians killed Mrs. M^cKensey, their second son, a daughter about 17 or 18 years of age and the infant daughter. The Indians captured two girls aged eight and ten, and took them to the Detroit area where they remained in captivity for 18 years, after which time their father rescued them and brought them back to their home in Giles, County, Va. This massacre took place in 1778. Their children were:

Isaac, Henley, Killed by Indians, 1778.

Sallie b. ca. 1760 " " " "

Elizabeth b. 1768 Captured by Indians " " "

Margaret b. 1770. " " "

Mary Ann b. 1778 Killed by Indians, 1778.

Richard Chapman b. ca. 1742, son of Isaac and Sarah Cole Chapman was born in Orange Co., Va. (now Culpepper) m. Margaret Abbott. Their children were;

- (1) John b. ca. 1782-3, in Montgomery County (now Giles), Va.; m. Jemima, the eldest daughter of David Johnston, and settled in Giles Co.
- (2) Abner b. ca. 1786, in Montgomery County (now Giles), Va. m. in Giles Co., about 1807 and removed with his wife and young son, George, to Gallia County, Ohio, where he settled and reared a family.
- (3) William b. July 27, 1787, in Montgomery (now Giles) County, Va. d. before 1840 in Lawrence County, Kentucky; m. Elizabeth Burgess, daughter of Edward "Ned" Burgess, in Montgomery County, about 1802. He purchased a one thousand acre tract of land in the Big Sandy River Valley, from David French, and removed from Giles County, with his wife and two small boys, to his newly acquired land about 1805-6. His land was located about five miles above the forks of the River, in what was then Floyd County (now Lawrence)

The children of William Chapman and Elizabeth Burgess were (1) Jemima b. 1788
 (2) Margaret b. 1790 (3) Nancy (4) Sarah (5) Annie
 (6) Dicy (7) Andrew (8) William

(1) Isaac M^cKensey b. ca. 1758. He was with his father when the Indians slipped in and massacred his mother, his younger brother and two sisters, near the mouth of Wolf Creek, in what is now Giles Co., Va.

(2) Henley M^cKensey b. ca. 1762; shot from Ambush by the Indians and killed, near his home. 1778.

(3) Sally M^cKensey b. ca. 1763. She fought the Indians at the massacre, but was killed with the Indian's hunting knife.

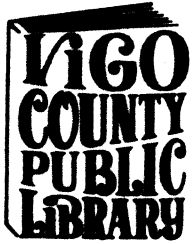
(4) Elizabeth M^cKensey b. 1768; captured by the Indians, in 1778, and taken to the Detroit area where she remained in captivity for 18 years. She was finally brought home by her father. After her return she married Jonas Clayburn. This couple settled at Chicago, Ill., and reared a nice family.

(5) Margaret M^cKensey b. 1770, was also captured by the Indians at the same time as her sister Elizabeth and after 18 years brought home by her father. After her return she married Ben Hall. This couple settled in Mercer County and reared a fine family.

(6) Mary Ann M^cKensey b. 1778; killed by the Indians when she was less than a year old.

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Chapman Family



TO: Erma L. Duprey, Danville IL

DATE: Aug. 4. 1993

FROM: Nancy Sherrill, Genealogy Librarian

The copies you requested are enclosed. I couldn't locate the article on William Chapman that was supposed to be in the Revolutionary War file. The card file was done years ago, and many of the items have been moved since the cards were made.

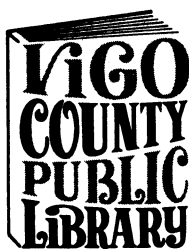
I'm glad to say we are still in business. The Wabash Valley Genealogical Society disbanded in 1991, so maybe that is how the rumor started.

We did get your letter on the Chamberlain Cemetery and added it to our Wabash Valley cemeteries file.

Please send the library \$2.91 for copies and postage. The check should be made out to the Vigo County Public Library.

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July 21, 1993

I am enclosing a brochure listing our hours and a research report listing the sources I checked for Chapmans. As you can see, I did find quite a few references to them. I expect that several different families are mentioned in these sources as Chapman is a fairly common name. If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill
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Genealogy Librarian

July 28, 1993

Dear Ms. Sherrill,

Glad to get your letter. There is a rumor here that your library had closed its doors. I'm taking the phamplet to our Genealogical Society Library and making a few copies of it to pass around. Hope that's OK. I marked in liner what I would like to have. copied. You really did a detailed job on this search. I appreciate it and I thank you very much. A couple of us would like to visit the library, but may wait for cooler weather. Did you ever receive my letter about the Chamberlain Cemetery?

Let me know who to make out the check to. Thanks again. Sincerely,

E. L. Duprey

Sent 8-9/

August 14, 1993

Dear Ms. Sherrill,

Sorry to be so long in sending this check to cover cost of CHAPMAN material. Thank you for your patience and for the info on the the disbandment of the Wabash Genealogical Society. I'm sure glad it wasn't your library that closed!

IF anyone would like more info on the folk that are buried in the Chamberlain Cemetery, I will be happy to share with them, and I will be sure to remember to keep my address up to date in your files. The Chamberlains and Chappelles were my mother's family, so it's quite important to me to get this information to others who might also be searching. Sure would save them a lot of time and money.

My son-in-law and my daughter both had surgery last week. That's where I've been and the reason I haven't answered sooner. Truly sorry for the delay.

GOOD HUNTING!

Sincerely,

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